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SAN FRANCISCO—Reports have been received from Vancouver, B. C., that the Western Worker is again being accepted through the mails in Canada. This is due to protests.

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FRANCO SPY PLOT IN U. S. A. IS EXPOSED

'ONE WHO PAYS OFF' HAS HIS STORY PROVED

Story on S. F. Graft Substantiated by Tapped Phone

By "ONE WHO PAYS OFF"

(See Editorial on Page 2)

SAN FRANCISCO—A month ago I said that the graft machine hadn't slipped a cog, from the lowest cop who collects his \$10 a month from a "joint," to the banker collecting triple rents on property leased to "joints."

The transcript of telephone conversations over Pete McDonough's telephone wires, which the grand jury released, proves a lot of what I said a month ago in the Western Worker, and reveals a lot more about the graft set-up reaching right into Mayor Rossi's office.

But not a thing has yet been done that will really disturb the graft machine. As I said before, I KNOW. I pay off, in a small way, to the machine.

I listed a number of "joints" that were paying off to the cops; these places are still paying off, and here are a couple more places:

Bookie Cohn Still Booking
Gambling, at the Barrel House on Third St.; prostitution at the Clover Hotel, 483 Broadway, near Kearny St.

Paul Cohn, alias Bouquet (Bookie) Cohn, proprietor of cigar stores, was named as running bookmaking right across the counters of his cigar stores, in my article last month. The telephone conversation transcript proved my statement. Cohn denied he ran bookmaking, but he lied, as everyone in town knows.

City Hall Hides Truth
The Western Worker told me that one of their reporters tried to check up on who owned the property on addresses I named as vice set-ups, but was refused the information on the grounds he had to have lot numbers, number of feet from corner, and other details.

I am not surprised. The graft

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12 VICTORIES FOR THE NMU

East Coast Seamen Sign Biggest Lines

NEW YORK—Less than a week old—and 12 big victories won! That's the record to date of the National Maritime Union of rank and file East and Gulf Coast seamen.

Latest to sign agreements recognizing the union are the Lykes Line, with 70 ships, and the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies Co. (Following a sitdown on four of its ships.)

Biggest Lines Sign
Agreements have also been signed with the United Fruit, Ward Line, International Mercantile Marine, American-France, Black Diamond, Grace, Standard Oil, American Export, Moor-Mac Cormack and American Hampton Roads Companies.

(Attempts on the West Coast to get the crew of the East Coast vessel California to leave the NMU for the Sailors Union of the Pacific were unsuccessful, it is reported.)

They Defended Hall From Green's Company Union



FOUR OF 11 members of the Galena, Kan., Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers local, in jail for defending union hall from Tri-State company union members. They face first degree murder charges. Bill Green charged the company union after the attack

Congressional Investigation Is Demanded

NEW YORK—A spy ring, operating from New York City, on behalf of the fascist armies led by General Francisco Franco, has been disclosed by the Daily Worker and brought before both the senate and the house of representatives by Senator Gerald P. Nye and Representative John Bernard.

Members of the spy ring, headed by the former Spanish ambassador, Juan Francisco de Cardenas, have actually proposed that a fascist warship be dispatched to American waters to bombard ocean vessels plying between Mexico and ports of the Loyalist Spanish government.

DOCUMENTS PRINTED

Backed by a whole series of photostatic documents which it published in conjunction with the expose, the Daily Worker's disclosures set off an avalanche of indignation, both in the legislative halls in Washington and among labor and liberal forces wherever the disclosures were publicized.

The charges made and substantiated by the Daily Worker were:

1. Franco's fascist ring through its agents, Manuel Diaz and Marcelino Garcia, fascist agents and steamship operators with offices at 17 Battery Place, suggested on March 5, 1937, that "a speedy armed ship" be sent to the Strait of Yucatan to block shipping from Mexico to the Spanish Republic. This was shown in a photostatic copy of a letter signed by Diaz.

VIOLATED NEUTRALITY LAWS

2. The fascist ring conspired to defeat U. S. neutrality laws, shown by a letter from Manuel Diaz, dated March 4, to Don Emilio Suarez Fiol, fascist agent in Havana, linking Cardenas in the plot by placing his O. K. on two fascist agents being sent to Havana.

3. Cardenas, who directs the fascist commission from Suite 204-5, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, and his aide, Jose de Gregoria, former secretary of the Spanish embassy in Washington, residing in room 203 in the Ritz, are operating with diplomatic passports which they have no legal right to possess. These passports were cancelled when Cardenas was removed as Spanish ambassador to the United States by the Spanish government.

VIOLATED DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE

4. Cardenas and Gregorio have violated diplomatic privilege extended to them.

5. The fascist clique has set up an espionage network with agents in Vera Cruz, Mexico, and Havana, Cuba. The Daily Worker reproduced two letters in photostat. One of them introduced Senor Don Frederico Varela, the man who conducted the spying activities on the mercy ship Mar Cantabrico, later reported captured by the Fascists. The other, signed by Diaz, was addressed to Varela in Vera Cruz, advising him to spy on the motorships Mar Cantabrico and Motomar, which were in Vera Cruz

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Strike May Spoil That Nice Fiesta

SAN FRANCISCO—Unless owners of the city's 16 largest hotels see things reasonably, Mayor Rossi's beautiful plans for the Golden Gate Bridge fiesta may go haywire, and the Mayor is panicky.

The bridge will be opened May 27. The fiesta committee is counting on tens of thousands of visitors who will need hotel facilities.

The joint board of culinary workers informed the Mayor that the unions will resume negotiations only on the basis of collective bargaining for clerks and office workers. Hotel owners insist on classifying these as "confidential help."

Cooks, Firemen OK East Coast Union

SAN FRANCISCO—Reaffirming their support of the formation of the National Maritime Union on the East Coast, the Cooks and Stewards and the Marine Firemen Thursday went on record for a national unity convention together with the East and Gulf district unions, independent of the ISU executive board. This convention, the resolution states, is to be called as soon as elections collective bargaining agents, and the convention is to take up the question of national affiliation to the CIO.

The Cooks voted to send representatives to the ISU Chicago conference, but if the East Coast is not there, not to officially recognize its decisions.

ILA MEET TOLD WAREHOUSE UNION HAS 8500

Dore Backs Out of Public Meet on Teamsters

SEATTLE—Harry Bridges, ILA district president, presented to the people of Seattle the proposals of the ILA for ending of jurisdictional disputes between ILA-organized warehouses and Teamsters officials who claim jurisdiction over them, at a mass meeting at the Civic Auditorium attended by 4000.

They were:

1. A round table conference to discuss the disputes and try to arrive at a settlement of mutual satisfaction.

2. An election, to be held under the National Labor Relations Board, to determine which union shall represent the workers, all plants to resume operations in the meanwhile.

"We have already made the first proposal to the other party in this controversy," said Bridges. "Their answer has been that the matter has been decided by eleven old men in Washington, but we refuse to accept such an answer."

SEATTLE—Most of the time in the past week at the ILA Pacific Coast District convention has been taken up with hearing of delegates' reports, and those of district officials.

The convention took time to endorse the Meier-Frank Department store strike in Portland and to condemn Teamsters officials who sent men through the picket lines.

The convention also decided not to claim jurisdiction over the Lumber, Mill and Inspection Bureau, which will be organized under the Timberworkers, since that group is organized industrially and parallels the ILA in other ways.

Warehousemen 8500 Strong
Delegates reporting for the Warehousemen affiliated with the ILA reported that they are now 8500 strong. "What the Warehousemen have today we can't thank the Longshoremen for," said the report.

Delegates called attention to one lesson of the strike, declaring it had shown the need for labor taking more aggressive independent action in the political field.

Mayor John Dore backed out of a major speaking engagement, that of being chief speaker at the mass meeting to be held this evening at the Civic Auditorium by the International Longshoremen's Association for the purpose of acquainting the Seattle public with the facts behind the jurisdictional disputes now raging up and down the Pacific Coast.

Mayor Dore has been played up in the capitalist press as the

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Plan June 9 Trek To Sacto. on C.S.

"We are working for action to repeal the California Criminal Syndicalism Act in this session of the state legislature."

So declared Herbert Nugent, secretary of the California Conference for the Repeal of the C.S. Act, in calling an emergency meeting of the San Francisco executive committee and membership Monday, May 17, at 111 Jones Street, San Francisco, at 8 p.m.

At this meeting the San Francisco preparations for statewide action will be made, leading to a trek of a mass delegation to Sacramento June 9 when the third district court of appeals will hold an open hearing on the appeal of the Sacramento C.S. prisoners.

June 2 Mass Meet
Leading up to this statewide mobilization, the San Francisco organization of the conference plans a mass meeting June 2 in conjunction with other defense and labor organizations, with Assemblyman Paul Ritchie of San Diego invited to report on the campaign as it is being carried out in the legislative halls. Nugent announced that the conference is working for the introduction of a constitutional amendment, providing for placing the C.S. Act on the ballot next year, for the voters of California to accept or reject. It is also pressing for a resolution to memorialize Governor Merriam to issue full pardons to all the victims of the act.

She Thought \$8 a Week Wasn't Enough to Live On



THESE MAINE state troopers probably don't know they're teaching a lesson on the need for a Farmer-Labor Party, but that's what they're doing. A shoe striker, CIO shoe workers' Union member, is being beaten up. It's the same in California, where the state police are used for the same purpose. Farmer-Labor Party in office would use police to protect workers, not to attack them.

L. A. TO HEAR O'FLANAGAN

SAN FRANCISCO—Father O'Flanagan will speak in Eagles Hall, San Francisco, Thursday evening May 27.

LOS ANGELES—Fernando de los Rios, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, and Father O'Flanagan, Irish Catholic priest, are to be featured speakers at a mass meeting at the Shrine Auditorium, May 28, 8 p.m. A. J. Leitner, local chairman of the North American Committee for the Defense of Spanish Democracy, has announced.

To be held under the auspices of the North American Committee, the meeting will be presented in memory of the hundreds of Bilbao's women and children slaughtered by the Nazi and Italian invaders.

In reference to the recently signed Neutrality Bill, under which the President is given power to prohibit the collection of funds to aid Spain, Leitner declared:

"The State Department issued a statement to the North American Committee, permitting it to go on working as before, provided that it submit a monthly report to the State Department as to the handling of the funds collected."

"We consider this a result of the alert protest campaign to the President and the State Department that was instituted by the Committee."

New Anti-Labor Bill

SACRAMENTO—With no success so far for other compulsory arbitration bills in the legislature, reactionaries tried again Thursday, when Senator Sewell of Roseville introduced an exact duplicate of the National Railway Labor Act.

Brophy to Come West

John Brophy, CIO national director, will attend the convention of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, which starts in Portland on June 7.

LA Fight On High Prices

Woman Trade Union Committee Leads

LOS ANGELES—To discuss possible plans of action against increasing high costs of living, the Trade Union Committee of the League of Women Shoppers has called for a meeting of women's organizations Tuesday, May 18, in Room 506, 257 South Spring Street, Mrs. Nan Tolins, committee chairman, announced Monday, May 10.

Organizations to whom calls have been sent include the League of Women Voters; the Teachers Union; the Ladies Auxiliary of the Furniture Workers Union; the Waitress Union; Upholsterers Union, local 15; the Millinery Workers Union; the Office Workers Union; the Los Angeles Pharmacists Union, local 840; and the Women's Brigade.

Cal. Youth Act is Recommended

SACRAMENTO—The California Youth Act was recommended favorably to the Assembly by its Ways and Means Committee, with a one million dollar appropriation, on Thursday.

Drafted and supported by hundreds of youth organizations throughout the state and endorsed by numerous Central Labor Councils and Local Unions, the bill was originally presented by the California Assembly of Youth and called for an appropriation of 20 million dollars to give relief to needy youth.

The one million dollar appropriation now recommended by the Ways and Means Committee is for the purpose of investigating the needs of the youth.

DETROIT AUTO WORKERS AID FILM STRIKE

Independents Said to Offer Federated Recognition

HOLLYWOOD—Despite the actions of the Screen Actors Guild, striking studio workers continue to carry on their fight for union shop demands against nine Hollywood film companies with strikers picketing all studios and major theaters throughout the city.

Deadlocked with the nine "top" producers, the Federated Motion Picture Crafts moved to negotiate with independent studios who have not been struck by the unions. Conferences between the F.M.P.C. and the Republic and Walter Wanger studios were on the agenda. Reports have it that these two studios made offers to recognize the federation.

To Push Charges Against IATSE

To present charges of "scabbing" and "strike-breaking" on the part of leaders of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Chairman of the Strike Committee, W.B. Cullen, will appear before the annual convention of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators, and Paperhangers in LaFayette, Indiana, and later before the American Federation of Labor in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Reports from New York and Detroit indicated that the scheduled national boycott of theaters showing films made by the unfair producers has been put into effect. From Homer Martin, president of the C I O United Automobile Workers of America, came word that four pickets have been placed at each of 11 Detroit theaters from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

That private guards and police are being hired by studios and film favorites was disclosed by Detective Luke Lane, member of the notorious "Red Squad." Actors passing through picket lines are being heavily guarded despite the fact that throughout the strike, picket lines have been peaceful and orderly.

At the Deadline

MADRID—Government officials at Valencia proved beyond a doubt that the British destroyer Hunter had been torpedoed by a fascist submarine five miles off the southern Spanish coast Thursday. (Nine of the crew were drowned, 24 injured). There were no mines anywhere near Almeria, since the harbor had been swept for mines and closely guarded by loyalist ships.

Farmers Protest

LIVINGSTON, Mead County—A protest mass meeting against condemning of farmers' cows without adequate compensation on T. B. tests, will be held here Tuesday, May 18, 8 p.m., in Pentecostal Hall, under auspices of the Western Cooperative Dairyman's Union. Trade union speakers and state assemblymen have been invited.

The Circulation Drive

L. A. Union Leader Praises 'Western'

Lou Baron, progressive leader in the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and members of the Furriers Union, knows the importance of building the circulation of the Western Worker in strengthening the organized labor movement. Asked for a statement on our current big circulation drive, he declared:

"Every progressive trade unionist will have an added weapon in his possession in the fight to organize the unorganized and to maintain unity in the labor movement, by becoming a regular reader of the Western Worker."

"This militant champion of progress has labor news which cannot be found in the daily press, and even more, gives us a new slant on labor problems."

"I urge every one of my friends in the Los Angeles labor movement to become regular readers and subscribers of the Western Worker."

With labor on the upsurge in a big organizing drive in Los Angeles, this city should now be leading in the Western Worker Circulation Drive. But if you turn to Page 2, you will see that Los Angeles ranks eighth in the state, with only 110 subs, 10.1 per cent of its quota of 1000.

How about it, Los Angeles? Show Lou Baron's statement to your friends in the trade unions, to your fellow workers—then ask them to subscribe.

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L. A. PLAZA DEMONSTRATION MAY 22 TO PROTEST PLAN TO CUT RELIEF BUDGETS

**In Line With Call for a National Protest;
Workers Alliance Points Out Need for
A Concerted Drive on Congress**

LOS ANGELES—In line with a call for national protest against the attempts to cut relief appropriations in Congress, the local Workers' Alliance will hold a mass demonstration in the Plaza May 22, Pat Calahan, Alliance organizer here, announced Saturday, May 8.

LYDICK'S NOW FOR BILL GREEN

**Helps S. D. Council
OK Alameda Action**

SAN DIEGO—By the narrow margin of four votes, delegates to the Federated Trades Council Wednesday night declined to condemn William Green for jerking the Alameda Central Labor Council charter. A resolution calling for condemnation of Green's action was received from the Oakland I.L.A. The vote was 24 to 33 with seven not voting.

Going back on former stand, Progressive delegates pointed out that only a year ago the San Diego unions, including all the building trades, wrote to all California unions, under the signature of Secretary Lydick, asking for support in San Diego's fight against William Green's efforts to abolish the local central labor council. Failure to support the Alameda Council in a similar fight, they declared, would constitute a repudiation of the Council's former progressive actions.

The Council was treated to the spectacle of some of its officers, including Secretary John Lydick and President J. W. Brown, joining with reactionary former officials to defeat the resolution. Ed Dowell, Stanley Gue, and Walter Stutz, repudiated former officers of the council, followed by Bill Coffey and Jack Peck, warned that any action in support of the Oakland Council would "antagonize" Green. In the vote which followed Secretary John Lydick, President J. W. Brown, Walter Barnes, Louis Mehl, Pat Nolan and a majority of the building trades delegates voted with the reactionaries.

Lydick and the Aircraft Union Local 100, Federated Trades Executive Committee reported its findings on the Aircraft union's protest that Secretary Lydick had interfered with the autonomy of their local. According to their statement Lydick phoned International Vice-President C. F. Grow and asked him to rush to San Diego to prevent the aircrafters from removing a local official.

The executive council proposed that Secretary Lydick be instructed to "get together with the aircraft union officers and amicably settle the matter." President James McDermott of the Aircraft Union moved an amendment that Secretary Lydick be instructed not to interfere with the internal affairs of the local union unless invited to do so by the unions. The amendment lost 29 to 42 with 10 not voting, and following this the executive committee's report was

Building Workers In Radio Strike

LOS ANGELES—Demanding a closed shop agreement, workers of the Los Angeles Building Trades Council walked out on the construction of the new Columbia Broadcasting System's radio station at Sunset Boulevard and Gower Street, last Monday. All truck drivers and shovel runners were called off the job in the strike against the William Simpson Construction Company, C.J. Haggerty, secretary of the Building Trades Council, announced. More than 200 workers picketed the construction job.

adopted. In the discussion prominent reactionaries, including Ed Dowell, defended Lydick.

Alameda and S. F. Leading Sub Drive

With Alameda County way out in front, and San Francisco moving forward, Contra Costa County, home of progressive and militant unionism, was tumbled from the lead to third place in the Western Worker Circulation Drive in the standings of May 12.

However, Contra Costa comrades are expected to come right back with a flock of new subs, and give Alameda County and S. F. all the competition they can stand.

Los Angeles still lagged badly in eighth place, with only 110 subs turned in. Santa Barbara, Tulare and Sonoma, all leaders in the financial drive last winter, are also training. And still no news from Stockton, Eureka, Fort Bragg.

Here are the standings:

SUBS RECEIVED						
County	Quota	1 yr.	6 mo.	3 mo.	Total	% Quota
Alameda	250	26	9	36	71	28.3
San Francisco	600	65	13	46	124	20.0
Contra Costa	55	2	0	7	9	16.4
San Mateo	50	6	0	2	8	16.0
Fresno	25	0	2	2	4	16.0
Sacramento	75	5	2	3	10	13.3
San Bernardino	40	1	2	2	5	12.5
Los Angeles	1000	43	20	47	110	10.1
Tulare	20	1	0	1	2	10.0
San Diego	100	2	1	5	8	8.0
Merced	25	1	1	0	2	8.0
Sonoma	40	1	2	0	3	7.5
Monterey	35	0	1	1	2	6.2
Bakersfield	20	0	1	0	1	5.0
Santa Barbara	50	1	0	0	1	2.0
Santa Clara	50	0	1	0	1	2.0
Stockton	20	0	0	0	0	0.0
Eureka	25	0	0	0	0	0.0
Fort Bragg	25	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	2500	154	55	132	361	14.4
Yet to go by July 4th					2139	85.6
Quota					2500	100.0

HEADS ACTORS



ROBERT MONTGOMERY, president of the Screen Actors Guild. The Guild has won the closed shop in major studios, but organized labor demands concrete support to the Federated Crafts on strike.

Auto Strikers Hit Mechanics Head

SAN FRANCISCO—Striking for higher wages and union recognition, 170 members of United Auto Workers of America, Local 271, CIO, walked out at six local spring shops last Tuesday and found that officials of Auto Mechanics 1305 were working with employers to break the strike. The Teamsters Union was also sending its members through the picket lines at Echlin & Echlin Co., 16th and Vermont Sts., although the individual teamsters were not desirous of going through but were forced by their officials under threat of losing their jobs and membership in the union.

Smith Admitted Employers. Lester Smith, president of Mechanics 1305, walked through pickets at Hoover Spring Co., claiming two of his men were working, and told the employer to cover the word "spring" on the front of the shop, thus hoping to prevent picketing on grounds this would make it a brake shop instead of a spring shop.

Smith also admitted sending a half dozen thugs to attack workmen distributing letters from UAW Local 271 addressed to Mechanics members on Monday night in front of Carpenters Hall, Smith personally threatened violence against a UAW member for distributing this letter, which stated in part called on members of Local 1305 to support the UAW strike.

Suit Against Labor Board. OAKLAND—National Motor Bearing Co. entered a jurisdictional fight on the side of a dual, recently set-up Machinists Union local here last Wednesday, when it brought suit against Alice M. Rosseter, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board to prevent a May 17 hearing of charges of unfair labor practice brought by the CIO United Auto Workers of America. Paul St. Sure claimed the company signed a closed shop agreement with the Machinists Union. The majority of the company workers are U.A.W. members.

Judge Denman signed a court order for the labor board to show May 19 before Judge Louis Brack why the injunction should not be issued. The board postponed hearing of the UAW charges until May 24.

Need Swift Action Against Bland Bill

WASHINGTON—A net around the maritime unions, like the one around the railroad unions, is being woven by reactionaries in Congress in the shape of the Guffy and the Bland compulsory arbitration bills.

Hearings on the Bland bill will begin in the lower house on May 25, and a barrage of protests against it by all unions is necessary.

The Guffy Bill is the Senatorial counterpart of the Bland bill. Both are based on the Railway Labor Act, under which the railroad workers have been prevented from taking strike action these many years, in the meantime suffering wage cuts, wholesale layoffs and increased speedup.

A third bill, introduced by Congressman Jerry Voorhis of Los Angeles, is also reported as modeled on the Railway Labor Act.

Yolo Cattle Test Upheld by Judge

WOODLAND (Yolo County)—Reactionary judges don't seem capable of learning.

Despite the militant actions of Stanislaus County dairy farmers last week against wanton killing of cattle under the TB test law, Superior Judge Bruton denied an attempt by 18 Yolo County dairy farmers to have the Yolo County bovine test ordinance declared invalid.

Farmers do not want to sell diseased cattle; they want fair payment for cattle killed, many on faulty tests.

CAN PLANT STRIKE

NEW YORK—A strike of 1200 workers shut down the National Can Co. plant in Queens. Higher wages and CIO recognition is demanded.

BAKERSFIELD TELL AMBUSH UNION WISE BY VIGILANTES TO TROTZKYITE ON PARKER DAM

**Would Have None of 80 "Heroes" Against
Lillian Monroe's
Disruption**

BAKERSFIELD—Lillian Monroe, Trotzkite trade union disruptor, was told where to get off last week by the members of the Bakersfield Agricultural Workers local.

Monroe came into a union meeting, after standing with a group outside. Before the officers were seated she started in an attempt to get the floor for 10 minutes.

In Trotzkite Style. Clyde Champion, who was chairman, tried to quiet Monroe for a few minutes. Somebody suggested taking a vote on whether she should speak or not. Monroe then started in to attack the leaders of the local, in true Trotzkite disruptive style.

Brother Williams made a motion that she wait outside while the members voted; but she continued to shout, so Champion ordered her out.

The vote was unanimous not to let her speak.

Charge by '1 Who Pays Off' Proved

(Continued from Page 1) machine also runs City Hall, and City Hall doesn't dare to let the public know what it has a right to know—what bankers and other "big shots" are collecting the triple rents on vice joints.

If you don't believe this, check the addresses named above and the addresses named before: Don McQuade's downstairs gambling joint, the Pall Mall at Haight and Ashbury Sts., houses of prostitution at 625 Pacific St., 606 Sacramento St., 633 Kearny St., Celtic "Hotel," 438 Broadway, 687 Commercial St., 493 Broadway.

Then go and ask Day Sergeant O'neary why he doesn't raid the houses of prostitution on his beat: Sally Martin, 947 Geary St., Apartments 1 and 2, OR 945; or the Eric "Hotel" at 24 Geary St.

The telephone transcripts showed cops tipping off McDonough on raids; it also showed McDonough tipping off Bouquet Cohn on raids. This should be no surprise to anybody; it's not the half of it.

A Big "Laugh". One of the biggest laughs in the latest expose through the wire-tapping is the setting of a couple of police captains to check up on Captain Boland, when he was put on the grease through the transcript.

The difference between Boland and any other police captain is the difference between twiddle-dee and twiddle-dum.

Now what can San Francisco labor, in particular, and the rest of the people do to clean up the graft? This particularly affects labor, because of the employers' use of cops against strikers.

Need Labor Ticket. The Western Worker has a good idea in bringing in a State Assembly Investigating Committee. This would help a lot in uncovering the whole works of the graft set-up. But it isn't all that should be done.

The Western Worker has another good idea, in recommending that organized labor organize on the political field as well as the economic field, and sweep the whole city administration out with a Labor Ticket. This is the most important thing, because you've got to realize that the police department isn't the only corrupt, graft-ridden department in the city government. ALL departments are in the same fix, and are used against the people and for the bankers and employers. This labor ticket should be in the field for the elections next November.

This program is the only one that can clean up the mess. I KNOW—I pay off.

CIO Gains in L.A. Electric Industry

LOS ANGELES—On charges of discrimination, spying and dismissal of workers for union activity, Gaffran-Settlers company, manufacturers of electrical parts, has been called before the National Labor Relations Board. Volney Mathieson, spokesman for the United Electrical and Radio Workers Union declared last week.

In other fields, activity of the UE&RW is going ahead fast. Mathieson said. Elections in the Giffan radio parts manufacturing plant are scheduled to take place in about a week. Here, the CIO local has the majority of the workers organized. Slight difficulty has been met with in the form of a company union, which was organized by the company to thwart the progress of the legitimate union.

The last meeting of the workers of the Postal Telegraph company was the biggest so far, Mathieson declared. Rapid progress has been made among these workers, despite frantic efforts of the company officials to form a company union.

LOS ANGELES—Under the "watchful eye" of State police, more than 80 vigilantes ambushed and kidnapped 5 CIO pickets at Parker Dam Sunday night, May 9, C.J. Powers, organizer for the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union announced.

Thrown in cars by the vigilantes, the men were driven to the town of Crossroads, where two of the men were released after being told that they would be slugged and beaten up if they appeared in the area again. The other three men were taken 300 miles to San Bernardino to be arrested. Unable, however, to find any charges to prefer against them, the Sheriff released the men.

Efforts of the union to secure legal protection for picketing strikers failed Saturday, when the San Bernardino Superior Court refused union attorney Grover Johnson's petition for an injunction restraining Shea Brothers' Company thugs, State police, and deputy sheriffs from interfering with the strikers' peaceful picketing.

Picketing Keeps On. Next move of the union, Powers announced, will be to file a petition with the Federal Courts.

Meanwhile, though construction work by Winston-Crowell company has been shut down until October, strikers continue to picket the Shea Brothers job at the Dam. According to Powers, from 75 to 100 men will remain throughout the summer on picket duty. When work is resumed in full next October, the men "will still be on strike," he declared.

Seventeen strikers arrested two weeks ago on frame-up charges of "disturbance of the peace" are to go on trial next Monday, with Johnson as their defense attorney, the men have been out on bail furnished by the CIO.

Pictures taken at the time of their arrest show that the men, carry out their usual picket duty, were merely walking on the road. Two of the men, shown in the pictures, had their hands in their pockets when they were grabbed by police.

Ventura Pickers Gain by Strike

SANTA PAULA—The strike of 100 orange pickers has begun anew, with the strikers out for their original demands of 30 cents an hour and 3 cents a box for all boxes picked.

SANTA PAULA (Ventura County)—The strike of 100 Santa Paula orange pickers has ended with gains made by the strikers.

Although the pickers return at the present rate of 25 cents an hour and 5 cents a box for the boxes, the Santa Paula and Mugu Associations have agreed to lower the base of 45 to 35 after the first picking and 25 for the third picking of the year.

Hearings on S.P. Dispute Concluded

SAN FRANCISCO—The President's Emergency Board hearings on the Southern Pacific Railroad dispute have ended. The members of the three-man board have begun working on a recommendation to be submitted to the President by May 14.

The board was appointed to avert a strike of 8500 S. P. members of the Trainmen and Firemen Brotherhoods, who charged the S. P. maintained secret agreements with the Engineers and Conductors which deprived the junior brotherhoods of the right to represent many of their own members.

The entire dispute served to bring home to railroad workers the necessity of amalgamation of railroad unions as a step to industrial unionism.

Spanish Receipts

Acknowledgment of funds sent through the Communist Party for the aid of Spanish Democracy: Previously Acknowledged

A Friendly Barber.....\$2,025.62
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Total to date \$2,066.12

Growers Seeking Glenn Picket Ban

WILLOWS (Glenn County)—Fearing agricultural workers may organize and strike against low wages, Glenn County Associated Farmers members have asked the supervisors to pass an anti-picketing ordinance.

Out with Rossi!

(AN EDITORIAL)

"Mayor Rossi, it is up to you," declared the Order of Cincinnati in a statement chiding the administration for their astonishment but lack of action in cleaning out the graft-permeated Police Department!

No assumption could be more unrealistic. As the Communist Party has affirmed from the day of publication of the Atherton Report, the reeking corruption saturating our municipal life reaches right into the Mayor's office! Mayor Rossi's permanent "astonishment" at the revelations involving more and more public officials is highly incredible. Only a moron in the chief executive's position could claim ignorance of any knowledge of the city departments for which the Mayor is directly responsible to the people.

Angelo Rossi is not an impartial, surprised observer in the graft investigation—he is a part of the machine which has organized the graft network in San Francisco, more guilty than any other one person because of the office which has been entrusted to him. Our sorely-needed house cleaning must begin at the top—and the ousting of Mayor Rossi, who has betrayed his responsibility to the electorate, is the first step! Now—today—is the time when action by the people is essential—action that will destroy the present graft business in San Francisco, and guarantee a future of honest municipal government.

The organized labor movement, which has already demonstrated its power by the repeal of the Anti-Picketing Ordinance, must once again come to the fore, and become the motivating force in ridding the city administration of corruption, removing the grafting officials, and preparing to put representatives of the people in public offices.

Trade unionists of San Francisco!

Progressive organizations and civic groups concerned with the welfare of our community! IT IS UP TO YOU! We, the people, are the force that must move Rossi out of office, wipe out corruption forever, and together organize tickets of labor and liberal candidates to move in on the City Hall.

ILA Meet Told of Warehouse Gains

(Continued from Page 1) right-hand man of Dave Beck, Teamsters head on the West Coast.

Dore Backs Out. But Dave Beck and the reactionary Teamster officials who are attempting to invade I.L.A. organized warehouses in Oakland, Portland and Seattle were being put on the spot by this mass meeting, and Dore showed where his strongest allegiance lay.

Inquiries at his office just before the scheduled meeting revealed that the Mayor was in town, contrary to some of the rumors spread, but had "never intended to address the meeting," I.L.A. leaders, however, insisted that Dore had twice in the past week given them his assurance that he would "go anywhere to speak."

Beck has repeatedly been asked by the convention to join in the mass meeting, and his name prominently featured on announcements as a potential speaker. He was reported, to be still in San Francisco the time of the meeting approached. Doubting for Dore at the meeting will be Councilman-elect Hugh DeLacy. DeLacy received nationwide publicity when he was fired from the University of Washington faculty upon joining the slate of the progressive Washington Commonwealth Federation as a candidate for council. The third speaker will be Lou Goldblatt, San Francisco Warehousemen leader.

Mayor Dore, in a letter to Harry Bridges explaining his refusal to address the meeting stated that he felt that everyone in Seattle knew his position, and that there would be no point to his speaking. Bridges discussed the problem of jurisdictional disputes with Seattle Chamber of Commerce members in a closed session of the chamber's executive board today. Accompanying him were L.C. Whiting, of the San Francisco Warehousemen, and C.E. Simmons, of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. Bridges appeared at the invitation of the chamber.

Letters sent last week by the convention to Teamsters suggesting a conference brought a reply from Frank Brewster, Teamster secretary-treasurer, accepting the proposal for some later date. Early in the week unidentified persons called Bridges on the telephone to tell him that he "will get hurt if the mass meeting is not called off." Bert Nelson, a delegate to the convention from the Seattle longshoremen, was also threatened. The threats were reported on the floor of the convention.

Herndon Victory Banquet in L. A. Planned by ILD

LOS ANGELES—To celebrate the Supreme Court decision freeing Angelo Herndon, the International Labor Defense will hold a victory banquet Saturday evening, May 22, at the Masonic Temple, 1050 East 50th Street, LaRue McCormick, local ILD secretary, announced Monday, May 10.

Leo Gallagher and Grover Johnson, well known labor attorneys, are scheduled to speak. All funds raised at the affair will go toward the Scottsboro Defense Fund.

Prices will be \$1 for dinner, and 35 cents general admission.

Vandeleur in Crack Against CIO, Stockton

STOCKTON—In postponing until Friday installation of the San Joaquin County Cannery Workers Union, state federation of labor secretary Vandeleur took the opportunity to attack the CIO.

INVESTIGATION OF FRANCO SPY RING SOUGHT

**Expose is Made of
Spanish Fascist
Agents in U.S.**

(Continued from Page 1)

At the time. On February 19, the day the Mar Cantabrico sailed from Vera Cruz, Varela advised Diaz with the following cablegram: "Subject first paragraph covers fifteen sailors today, eight hundred tons varied material according to mine yesterday." Another photostatic reproduction shows a letter from Diaz, who subsequently had gone to Havana, to a "Dear Friend," a fascist in San Sebastian.

6. Spies in Vera Cruz and Havana have sent through the New York headquarters to the fascist central in Spain information concerning the movements of the mercenary ship Mar Cantabrico, as shown in the photostatic letters already referred to.

7. All shipping from North and South American ports to the Spanish Republic is watched and reported to the New York Center by the Cardenas spy ring.

Plotted in Havana

8. On April 8, 1937, Manuel Diaz was in Havana negotiating for the recognition of the Regal Franco government by Cuba. Although the Batista government is friendly to them, Franco's agents obviously ran into difficulties. The Daily printed a photostatic copy of his letter which said:

"It is unfortunate that the politics here goes hand in hand with the national campaign in Spain, and until recognition comes, I don't think anything radical will be done." He referred to his belief that Franco will not gain recognition by Cuba until he makes better gains in the war.

9. Cardenas is using as his base of operation a so-called "Official Spanish Chamber of Commerce," 17 Battery Place, the Casa de Espana, located in the Park Central Hotel, and the pro-Franco "American Committee for Spanish Relief," at the Vanderbilt Hotel.

False Front

The "official" status of this "Chamber of Commerce" was taken away by the Spanish government immediately after the start of the fascist insurrection in Spain. Linked up with the Cardenas committee is the so-called "American Committee for Spanish Relief," which was exposed in the Daily Worker April 17 as a set-up for the Spanish fascists. It was denounced again on May 4 by Spanish Ambassador Fernando de los Rios in a statement widely printed in the newspapers. This committee, headed by Basil Harris, president of the International Mercantile Marine, is now affiliated with the "Commonwealth Spanish Relief Fund," 386 Fourth Avenue, a pro-fascist Catholic group.

Meeting

In addition to this the Daily showed Cardenas' connection with a pro-fascist meeting organized by Fordham University in Carnegie Hall, March 19, at which the pro-fascist British writer, Hilaire Belloc, and the Jesuit fascist priest, Jaime Castells, were speakers. A copy of a letter signed by Marcelino Garcia and Victor Alvarez was reproduced, showing Cardenas' attendance at the meeting and his arrangements to have the speeches printed. Later they were distributed by Hamilton M. Wright, a publicity agent at Rockefeller Center who also did publicity for the notorious Flint Alliance during the General Motors strike.

In introducing the documentary evidence in Congress, both Nye and Bernard demanded a "searching investigation" into the activities of the spy ring. Eighteen House members signed a resolution introduced by Bernard and Representative Jerry O'Connell of Montana and John M. Coffee of Washington, calling for a House investigation.

Both Bernard and O'Connell are Catholics.

State Dept. Inquiry

The visa department of the department of state asked the department of labor for information on the entry into the United States of four of the leaders in the plot, including Cardenas. A widespread campaign among the nation's leading liberal figures was presaged by demands issued by Dr. Harry F. Ward, national chairman of the American League Against Spanish War and Fascism; Professor Robert Lynd of Columbia University, former Representative Vito Marcantonio, Civil Service Commissioner Paul J. Kern, and others.

Cal-Pack Profits From Workers

SAN FRANCISCO—California Packing Corporation, one of the worst anti-labor outfits on the West Coast, doubled its profits this year, according to published reports. The corporation listed the profits for the year ending last February 28 at \$4,895,330. Dividends of \$4,343,337 were paid for the year as against \$1,447,609 the year before.

Calpack workers in Oakland are still on strike for union recognition.

JUNE 20 CONVENTION TO PLAN POST LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN

Proposals Made to Make Votes of People Effective at Sacramento

Calls for the June 20 convention of the California People's Legislative Conference have been sent to the printer and in a few days will be mailed to every labor and sympathetic organization and to leading progressive political organizations. The convention will be held in Santa Maria.

This announcement was made from the state office of the conference in San Francisco, as a result of the decision of the May 2 meeting of the state executive board held in Fresno.

Three proposals, all of them aimed at basic changes to allow for a more democratic representation of the voters at Sacramento, will be put before the convention, with the proposal that one of them be selected as the basis of the campaign of the conference following adjournment of the present session of the legislature. They are:

1. Calling of a constitutional convention to redraft the California state constitution.
2. Election of state senators on the basis of population.
3. Establishment of a unicameral (one-house) legislature in California.

Conference Growth
"All of these proposals for the main issue for the post-legislative campaign," said a spokesman at the state office of the conference Monday, "are directed toward giving the people a greater voice in the state government. The board felt, however, that it should be up to the state convention to work out the specific plan for the campaign."

The June convention is expected to be considerably more representative than the convention held in Sacramento prior to the legislative session. Since that time county organizations of the conference have been built in Los Angeles, Alameda, Contra Costa, Butte, Sacramento, Yolo, San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties.

Aside from these counties already organized, large delegations are expected in June from Kern, San Joaquin, Orange and San Diego Counties.

Hawaiian Dockers In 2 Victories

HILO, T.H.—Hawaiian longshoremen have gained two notable victories in recent days. For the first time in Hawaii, a union won recognition as sole collective bargaining agency, when the Brewer Co. gave the Hilo Longshoremen's Association that right.

A strike of 200 longshoremen at Port Allen, Kauai, won better working conditions for the men, and an agreement by the Kauai Terminals Co. to negotiate on a 15 cents an hour wage increase and recognition.

The men formed the Port Allen Waterfront Workers Association.

Urge Protests on Dairy Frame-up

MODESTO, Stanislaus County—Wm. A. Standridge, leader in the Western Cooperative Dairy-men's Union, is facing a frame-up trial here, with preliminary hearing set for Friday, May 14, in Judge Leslie K. Floyd's court, for "interference with the enforcement of the bovine tuberculosis ordinance," as a result of the union's fight against condemning cows of poor dairymen without adequate compensation.

Farmers' organizations, labor unions and all progressives are urged to protest to Judge Floyd, demanding that the charges against Standridge and others be immediately dropped.

Frank Rose, Maze Road dairyman, had every one of his 56 head of cattle condemned in the t.b. tests, and Manuel J. Betten, court, of Salida, lost 50 out of 51 head. Their "compensation" will be less than 30 per cent of the cows' value. Both are charged with violation of the t.b. test ordinance.

U. S. COLLEGES BOYCOTT NAZI 'UNIVERSITY'

Leading American universities, almost without exception, will not be present when German Nazi officials open the bicentennial celebration of the University of Goettingen on June 30, reports from university towns throughout the country indicate. Nazi officials suffered their heaviest defeat when Princeton, Goettingen's "brother university," refused to attend the ceremony. Yale University also turned down the offer. Harvard tentatively accepted, but only "if a senior member of the faculty is in Germany on June 30."

Declared Professor Jerome Davis of the American Federation of Teachers: "If any university in America sends greetings to Goettingen on this occasion, it seems to me these should embody a clear protest against the violations of academic freedom which have been so universal in Germany under the Nazi regime."

CHURCHES HIT SHEPPARD BILL AS FASCISM

NEW YORK—"We are particularly alarmed at the possibilities in this bill for setting up a fascist state," comments the Council for Social Action of the Congregational and Christian Churches, in a statement on the Hill-Sheppard Industrial Mobilization bill.

The measure is called dangerous to American liberties.

ILD is Thanked for Alliance Defense

SAN FRANCISCO—The International Labor Defense has received the thanks of the Workers Alliance for its alertness in the defense of pickets arrested in the recent WPA strike.

The letter to Elaine Black, Northern California ILD organizer, states:

We members of the Workers Alliance Local No. 2 wish to thank the ILD for bailing our union members out of jail so quick after being arrested. We want you to know that we appreciate the good work done by the ILD, and are proud to be able to do business with such good workers.

Fraternally yours,
M. MARCHAND
Recording Secretary

Security Act in High Court Hands

WASHINGTON—Fate of the New Deal's social security program rested on the laps of nine justices of the Supreme Court as argument of the old age pension law was heard.

Previously the court heard arguments relating to the tax for unemployment compensation. The old age section of the security act came before the court on the petition of George P. Davis, a stockholder in the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for an injunction to prevent the company from paying the tax.

It is expected the court will hand down decisions on both features of the Social Security Act before adjourning in June for the summer.

Read the Figures On Aid to Spain

By a Worker Correspondent
The People's Front in Spain would fail if it depended on the financial help it is getting from the Communist Party of California.

With our membership alone, without any outside assistance, it seems to me \$10,000 at the present time should represent a self-denial of very little to each Party member. True, quite a number have very little income, but there are others who could dig up \$10 or \$20 as easily as others could \$1.

While our "upper crust" are interested in the Coronation and "Kinks" in general, we at least should "Remember Spain"—not like the slogan in the Spanish-American War, "To Hell With Spain, Remember the Maine" but with real assistance for the Spanish democracy.

Figures on Spain Aid
(NOTE: The Communist Party has itself raised more than \$2000 for Spain, and cooperated in the efforts of such organizations as the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, Society for Technical Aid to Spain, Accion Democratica Espanol, etc. It is estimated that more than \$60,000 has been raised in California for the defense of Spanish democracy.)

On Friday, May 14, the Communist Party of San Francisco is supporting a big affair at the Arion Ballroom, 1268 Sutter St., to raise funds for the Lincolnton Battalion of American anti-fascists, now fighting in Spain.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.

'Fanatical Paranoic'

WASHINGTON—Representative William I. Sirovich, New York Democrat, termed Adolf Hitler a "fanatical paranoic" in a speech before the House of Representatives in which he declared that German culture and knowledge have collapsed under Hitler.

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TEAMSTERS IN GAIN OF 1000 IN PFL STRIKE

Picket Lines Solid; \$5000 A Day For Thugs

LONG BEACH—Since the Teamsters Union strike against the Pacific Freight Lines, largest Western truckers began over a month ago, more than 1000 new members have been initiated into the Teamsters Union in Los Angeles, Long Beach and San Pedro.

The PFL has lost about 90 per cent of its business since the strike. Three hundred and fifty men are involved in the PFL walkout. Morale is high and picket lines surround the PFL headquarters, at 2511 and Alameda streets, Los Angeles.

The company is reported spending \$5000 a day on armed guards.

Renew Drive for Cal. Youth Act

Encouraged by the action of the welfare committee of the state legislature in favorably reporting the California Youth Act, youth organizations throughout the state are preparing to send delegations to participate in new hearings before the ways and means committee.

After rejecting the act on first consideration, the welfare committee changed its stand by cutting out the appropriation to operate the provisions of the act, leaving this to the ways and means committee.

Hearings there were expected to begin at the state capital in Sacramento this week.

Aside from the delegations, organizations are expected to send telegrams and letters to the ways and means committee urging the bill's passage.

So. California in Steps for Youth Peace Poll

LOS ANGELES—A promising move to spread the Peace Poll amongst young people of Southern California was taken recently when representatives of the Young Democrats, Young Communist League, Mr. Scott of the Hollywood Citizen, Reverend Ryland of the Municipal League, Mr. Whitehead of the Classroom Teachers Federation, Miss Loring of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi Federation, Mrs. Durning of the American League Against War and Fascism, and Joseph Moody of the Christian Youth Council and California Youth Assembly, attended a luncheon to formulate plans of action to bring the Peace Poll to a great number of our youth.

At the luncheon, it was decided to accept the proposal of the Christian Youth Council to print these ballots and sell them to the various youth organizations. Further plans of action will be brought forth next Friday when the group will meet again. In the interim, a steering committee of five people was elected to work out plans of activity.

'Madrid Document' Brings Spain Aid

Showings of "Madrid Document" under the auspices of the Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy brought enthusiasm and support from many points in California.

Among them were Sacramento, which raised \$350, and Vacaville and Mountain View which raised \$180 each. Another donation of \$8 came to the Society from the May Day Parade of the Merced Section of the Communist Party, held in Livingston, California.

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Loyalist Advantage Grows Says Leader of Red Army

Forces Consolidating In Fourth Stage Of Struggle

By Col.-Gen. GOLUBIEV
Positions on the Spanish fronts indicate that the struggle in Spain is entering the fourth and apparently decisive period of development.

This fourth period was more or less clearly defined after the defeat of the rebels and interventionists at Guadalajara. This period is characterized by the fact that the tactical initiative operations on the decisive battle fronts are beginning to come from the Republicans instead of from the rebels.

There is sufficient basis for the supposition that the relation of forces at the fronts and behind the lines will most probably continue to develop in this direction.

Critical Period
The most critical moment in the development of the military operations in Spain was the transition from the second to the third period. This found clear expression in the events of November, 1936, when the enemy directed its main blow toward Madrid, as the capital and the most important strategic economic and political point, the heart of Spain.

After examining the position of Madrid in November, Golubiev continues:

The failure of the rebel attack on November 7 now proves to be the turning point of the future struggle. The enemy's advance was stopped and the government militia became convinced of the possibility of successful resistance. Even rebels admit that the futile attacks on Madrid placed the fascists in a critical situation.

The fascist attacks in January and February also led to new heavy losses which broke Franco's Moroccan reserves and German contingents. The balance of forces at the front was not broken by the Italian Expeditionary Corps advance on the Guadalajara front in March. The Italians suffered a heavy defeat, which finally smashed the authority, not only of the rebels, but also of Italian fascism.

Held Back Rebels

Thus by holding back for the first time the rebel attacks on November 7, Republican Spain not only balanced its military forces against those of the rebels, but succeeded in holding back the attack of 50,000 to 60,000 interventionist soldiers who fought the Republicans on the front.

Bernard and Nye Expose Franco Spies in U.S.

WASHINGTON—Operations of a spy ring in the United States on behalf of the fascist General Francisco Franco were exposed simultaneously in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota and Representative John Bernard of Minnesota both named one Juan Francisco de Cardenas and other former officials of the Spanish embassy in the United States as heading this ring.

Bernard called upon the State department to revoke the passports of these agents of fascism, declaring they were illegally honored, and demanded that they be expelled from the country.

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EDITORIAL NOTE
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However, it is incorrect to consider this balance of forces as established for a long time as resulting from a basic relation of forces on both sides. This balance bore only a temporary, transitional character.

The fate of the future campaign will be decided by reserves sent to the front lines from the rear guard. In this respect, the Republican front in Spain is at the present time in a much more favorable condition than that of the rebels and interventionists.

The Guadalajara fighting was a decisive blow which put an end to the rebels' attempts to capture Madrid. By advancing on Bilbao, which is also carried out at the expense of weakening the central Madrid front, the rebel staff is attempting through partial success on a front of secondary importance to weaken the real importance of their failure at Guadalajara. In Bilbao, operations have now been going on about a month.

Madrid Decisive
The final outcome of these operations is so far unknown. But no matter what the result, this will not change the general situation. The Central-Madrid and Guadarrama-front is decisive. Here the Republicans are becoming stronger than the rebels.

The Bilbao advance after the battles of Guadalajara signifies an essential change in the entire rebel strategy: from attempts to end the war by one blow against Madrid, they have come over to trying a winning campaign first on a front of secondary importance. According to the rebel plans, success on this front will prepare a new blow at Madrid, for which more forces than ever before will be rallied.

This new step is beginning to prove a lack of confidence of the fascist staff in its forces both at the fronts and in the rear. With the Republicans, the rear supports the front, whereas among the rebels, disintegration has begun behind the lines. Contradictions among rebel leaders, development of guerrilla warfare (as yet, slowly), frequent instances of rebels going over to the Republicans (including whole units), Moroccans and interventionist troops giving themselves up to the Republicans—all these symptoms are signals that all's not well in the fascist camp.

Careful Preparations

The situation on the Spanish fronts does not demand an immediate offensive of the Republicans.

Labor Chest Appeals For Anti-Nazi Funds

NEW YORK—Articles by both John L. Lewis and William Green appear as a preface to a pamphlet issued here by the Labor Chest for the Relief and Liberation of Workers of Europe.

The pamphlet called for aid to the victims of fascism, citing the work of underground organizations in Nazi Germany which are "sapping at the foundations of Nazism," by the conduct of "slow-down" strikes and numerous demonstrations.

A recent successful strike of auto workers near Berlin was described, in which speakers from the Nazi "Labor Front" were hooded down.

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Sustained Offensive To be Decisive Factor

ican army. A war, especially of such a drawn-out character as in Spain, is not won by an offensive at all cost. A war is won by an uninterrupted offensive, which demands careful, thoroughgoing and all-around preparations, mighty reserves, clear-cut work in the immediate rear and in points in the more distant unfortified points.

Republican Spain now has all the prerequisites for creating such conditions. November 7, the anniversary of the great proletarian revolution, for Republican Spain was a turning point in the struggle and the beginning of a successful defense against organized, regular army forces of the enemy. The battles in November consolidated this turn and created the prerequisites for successful Republican defense through the entire winter campaign. The Guadalajara fighting signified that the rebel staff is giving up the operative initiative on the central front.

April and May operations manifest a definite advantage of the Republican forces on this front and the maturing prerequisites for the Republican forces going over to a crushing, uninterrupted offensive.

Youth Congress in Canada May 22

MONTREAL, Que. (YNS)—Canadian youth's "Crusade for Peace," No. 1 on the order of business of the coming Canadian Youth Congress convention, has been endorsed by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Congress officials announced.

"By seeking to strengthen the desire for peace," the Premier declared to the Youth Congress, "Canadian youth are making a noteworthy contribution."

One thousand delegates from every province in Canada will converge here May 22 for opening of the second annual convention of the Congress, patterned after the American Youth Congress.

Delegates will be encouraged by a big victory—a million dollar appropriation for vocational training passed recently by the Federal Parliament at Ottawa.

GERMAN BISHOP HITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHURCH

BERLIN—In a letter read in Catholic churches, Bishop Konrad von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, vigorously attacked the anti-church campaign and "immoral" camouflage being carried on by the Nazis in an effort to stop the development of united front anti-fascist activities.

"The church does not object to sentences being passed on culprits," the letter said, "but it does object emphatically to methods used systematically and with all means of propaganda, to assail the church, its teachings and its servants."

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STRIKE WAVE IN JAPAN FOR WAGE RAISES

Arrests Fail to Halt Militancy After Election

TOKYO—On the heels of the tremendous electoral expression of the Japanese people against fascism and in defense of parliamentary government, police arrested numerous leaders of the workers and attempted to head off a strike in the motor bus service operated by the municipality.

The dispute is one of a series, some of which have developed into sitdown strikes. More than half of them involve wage increase demands. Delegates representing 200,000 railway workers have drawn up demands including a 20 per cent increase in wages. They will be presented to the minister of railways.

17 Per Cent Raise
A stay-in strike of Kobe street railway workers was ended with the granting of a raise of 17 per cent.

Two thousand Osaka bus drivers won a decrease of one-half hour in the working day and promise of consideration for wage demands. They staged a sit-down strike on May 1.

On May 3, 1200 workers in a soybean processing plant staged a sit-down, and won a 15 per cent raise and other concessions.

Leaders of workers of the communications ministry called a meeting for May 12 to formulate demands including a 30 per cent wage increase. Employees of a Tokyo beer company went on strike May 9.

Girls in a Tokyo department store staged a sitdown strike because a popular manager was transferred.

Labor disputes are doubled in number, and quintupled in number of persons involved over the corresponding period a year ago.

Vatican Summons Smith to Europe

NEW YORK—Alfred E. Smith's forthcoming visit to Europe is declared by the New York World-Telegram to be in response to a summons from the Vatican to discuss the fight of the Catholic hierarchy against Communism.

The newspaper cited friends of the Liberty League, former governor of New York, as the source of the information, saying he would leave May 15 in company with the Rt. Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, one of the leaders of the Vatican's campaign in this country.

Despite slaughter of the Basque Catholics and devastation of the churches by Italian and German fascism, despite the Nazi crusade against Catholics in Germany, the Catholic hierarchy is carrying on a world-wide fight against communism and anti-fascist unity.

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"Every Party Member a Regular Reader of the W.W."

IT'S TIME to use the first measuring stick in the big drive to build the circulation of the Western Worker. The week of May 16 has been set aside by the Communist Party of California to check up on our first goal, "Every Party Member a Regular Reader of the Western Worker by May 15."

In every unit and branch, the importance of our press in developing our members as leaders in the ever-growing struggles of labor and the people, and in winning fresh and vital new forces to our program from the ranks of labor, must be discussed.

Then there must be the guarantee that our press will go forward to new achievements: Check up to secure long term subs from comrades who are not at present subscribers or regular readers of the "Western," and to be sure that W. W. Drive Directors are functioning.

This is the program for the week of May 16—let's carry it through 100 per cent.

American Week for Spanish Democracy

MAY 30 to June 9 this year will be American Week for Spanish Democracy. Were men like Thomas Jefferson, Tom Paine, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln alive today, the sight of American lovers of democracy and freedom, setting aside a week to aid the struggle of a brother nation for its liberty would meet with their heartiest approval. For these men often, and in no uncertain terms, called to the attention of the American people the vital necessity of their giving full aid to any other people engaged in struggle against tyranny.

It is in keeping with their spirit that on this Memorial Day, vast numbers of Americans will add to those they commemorate, the men and women who have fallen in battle against fascism in Spain, and to those they honor, the American boys in the Lincoln Battalion, who in the ranks of the Spanish army of democracy, carry forward the traditions of America's revolutionary heroes.

The barbarism of the fascist invaders in Spain, their destruction of cities, churches and historic monuments, their murder of women and children, is a thing of the greatest abhorrence to the American people. The aim of the Spanish forces of democracy—the maintenance of liberty—this can only meet with the full approval of the American people. But our great traditional heroes of freedom would have been, and indeed were, the first to point out that mere indignation at the fascist barbarities, or mere sympathy with the Spanish people, is not sufficient.

During American Week for Spanish Democracy, the North American Committee for the Aid of Spanish Democracy will endeavor to reach the widest masses possible to collect money, food, medical supplies, etc., for the Spanish people and for those who are so bravely defending them at the front.

The Communist Party, as an organization affiliated with the North American Committee, will conduct a campaign in its own name, turning over what it collects to the North American Committee.

The American Ambassador to Germany, Mr. Dodd, has just pointed out to the American people that there are forces, representing those of tremendous wealth in this country, who would impose fascist tyranny on our country.

By coming to the aid of the Spanish forces of democracy in the most generous manner, the American people will be taking a further step to defend democracy in our own country, to make it more difficult for the fascist forces in this country to carry out their intentions of crushing the democratic rights of the American people. For defeat of fascism in Spain would mean a great defeat for fascism everywhere.

The Need to Unite for a People's Budget

IN THE HALLS of Congress in Washington, a foul plot is under way against the people of this country.

Setting one group of the people off against other groups, the way is being greased for a reactionary budget, violating every promise made by the administration of social reform. All this has the silent approval of the Ad-

ministration. It is proposed to slash the budget for farmers' relief; but farmers are being told that if there are bigger cuts in the budget for the unemployed, then perhaps the budget for the farmers may be increased.

At the same time, the unemployed are told that it is the burden of appropriations for the farmers which will make relief cuts necessary.

Through such trickery, a farm appropriation cut in half from the originally proposed \$5,000,000 has been passed.

Programs for housing and for mortgage agencies for the small homeowners are being headed for the scrap heap.

Reactionary Democrats, particularly those of the South, are working closely with the Liberty League-Hearst aggregation in both Houses.

Not so long ago Congress and the Administration passed, without any to-do about "economy," the largest naval and army appropriations in the peace-time history of the country. It seems that in the eyes of our law-makers the slaughter of the American people is of far greater importance than its welfare.

The eyes of the American people have a far different slant on such an all-important question. It remains for the American people to express themselves and to act on the budget trickery.

The American people who defeated the Hearst-Liberty League forces last November now have the task of uniting to defeat the forces of reaction who are having their own way on the budget question.

The trade unions, the Workers' Alliance, farm groups, housing and social agencies must unite without delay, to present a People's Budget which will provide for the needs of the American people, and which would make those who can so well afford it—the rich—pay.

The "Little Wagner" Bill

THE STATE SENATE has voted, 28 to 6, not to bring the Yorty "Little Wagner" Bill to the floor, which is another way of burying the measure. The "Little Wagner" Bill had been passed in its original form by the Assembly; it has fared badly at the hands of the reactionary upper house.

The Senate labor and capital committee first attempted to emasculate the bill by leaving agricultural workers out of its provisions. Then, at the insistence of open shop lobbyists, sections which might be construed as hampering company unions were neatly sliced off.

Since the passage of even an emasculated bill recognizing the right of working men and women to organize might prove a dangerous precedent to the open shoppers, even the "fixed" bill is being buried.

But what is buried can be exhumed; and what is more, what has been taken out of the Yorty bill can be put back. The passage by the Senate and the enactment into law of the original Yorty bill is of great importance to organized labor if California is to become 100 per cent organized.

Only a few weeks remain of the legislative session. There is still a good chance to force the Senators to bring the original Yorty Bill onto the floor, and to pass it. It demands intensified pressure from organized labor—from unions, from central labor bodies, and from all progressive organizations and individuals, in the shape of demands on the senators that they vote to bring out of committee and to pass the original Yorty Bill, as it was passed by the Assembly.

Free Brazil's Leading Fighter For Democracy

WALL STREET has scored a victory over the forces of democracy throughout the world. Pulling the strings of the Vargas dictatorship in far-off Brazil, it has condemned Luis Carlos Prestes, the Brazilian people's Knight of Hope, to a living death in prison, along with Arthur Ewart, exiled German Communist former member of the Reichstag, and Pedro Ernesto Baptista, former mayor of Rio de Janeiro.

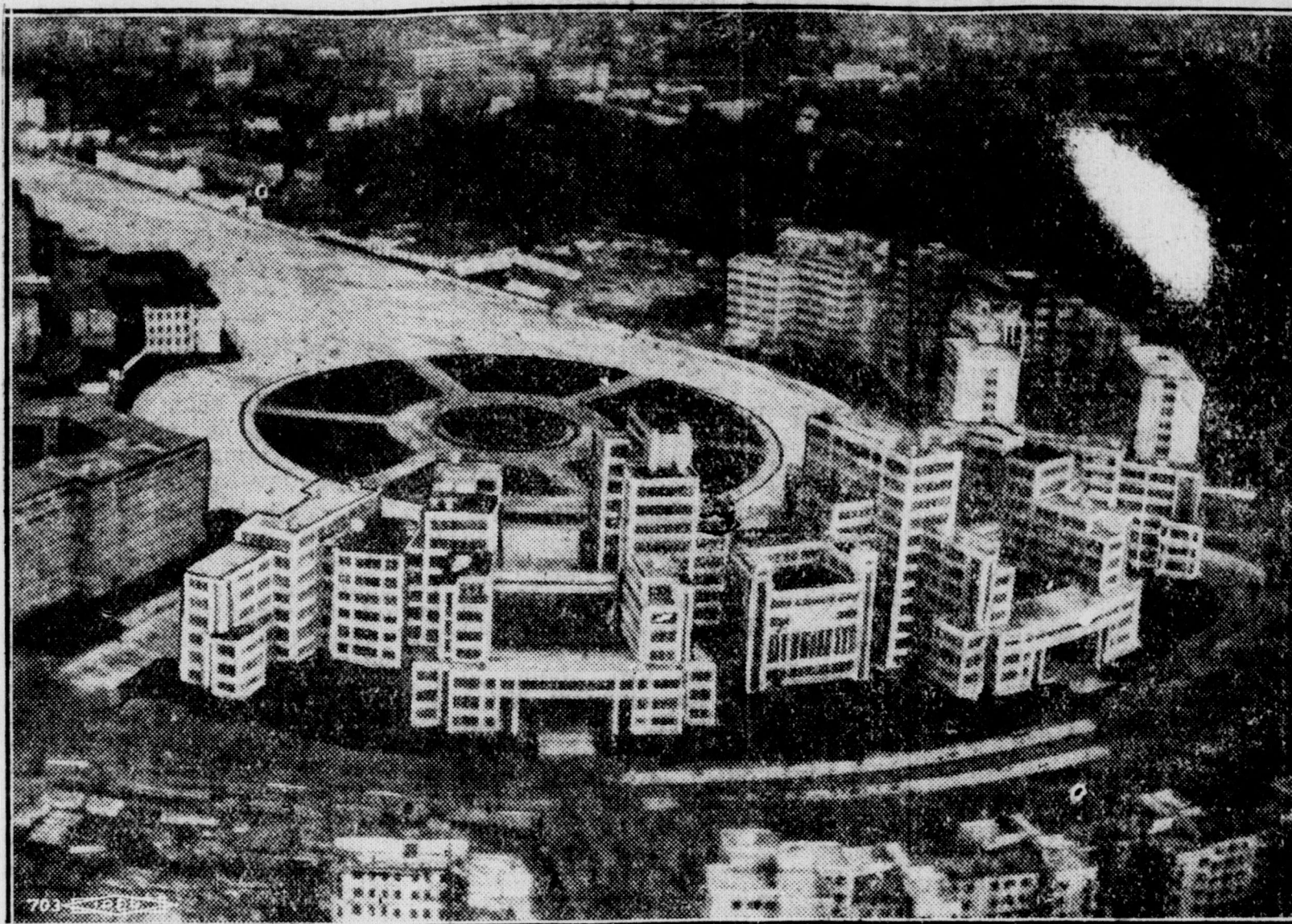
Their sentences of 28 years, passed by a rump court hastily set up by Brazil's Hitler, Getulio Vargas, are directed against the world democratic forces and particularly against Brazil's oppressed people, who are ground into the earth under the heel of foreign imperialism, chiefly by Wall Street.

Ostensibly, the charges against Prestes were based on the Northeast uprising in November, 1935. Actually, the indictment was that Prestes and his comrades organized a people's movement, the National Liberation Alliance, for the winning of democracy and adequate living standards for the people.

Reaping huge profits out of the misery of the Brazilian toilers, Wall Street has scored in the imprisonment of Prestes. But its victory can be turned to defeat; protests in this country can have a powerful effect. If American labor, all liberals and anti-fascists join in flooding the Brazilian Embassy and consulates with indignant protest against the railroading of Prestes, as well as cabling Vargas, the pressure may well result in the freedom of Prestes and other leaders of the Brazilian people.

Remember—the Wall Streeters who oppress the people of Brazil are also the worst enemies of the American labor movement.

Scraping the Soviet Sky; Great Construction Goes Forward



TALL BUILDINGS will soon be no novelty in USSR, to judge from this air view of Kharkov, Ukraine. In picture is Palace of State Industry—largest office building in Europe.

New Seamen's Union Is Step Toward Labor Unity

By ROY HUDSON

For the first time in its history the powerful United Fruit Line has agreed to recognize the right of its seamen to organize and negotiate union agreements.

This victory over the notoriously open-shop United Fruit Company also marks the birth of a militant progressive union, the National Maritime Union.

The outcome of the recent United Fruit strike shows the correctness of the steps taken by the Eastern and Gulf sailors and stewards in forming the National Maritime Union. As members of the International Seamen's Union they had been deprived of all rights to determine who should represent them and how their union should be conducted.

They formed the National Maritime Union in order to maintain their organized strength and use it to secure recognition of their elected representatives, to conclude union agreements and improve wages and conditions. The United Fruit settlement shows that seamen, united into a powerful National Maritime Union, can achieve these aims.

Some Factors as in CIO

The same factors that brought about the birth of the Committee for Industrial Organization also made necessary the formation of the National Maritime Union. These factors are and were the undemocratic policies of the AFL reactionaries, their failure to organize the unorganized, their blind hatred of every thing progressive and their opposition to industrial unionism.

Truly the record of the international officials of the ISU and of the Executive Council of the AFL shows that they have been the enemies of unity and progress. They have destroyed democracy in the ISU. They openly recruited seabs to break the historic seamen's strikes. They refused to recognize the officials democratically elected by the membership.

These labor parasites, during months of negotiations, refused to agree that honest democratic elections be conducted. They blocked the National Labor Relations Board from conducting elections to determine the collective bargaining agents of the seamen.

On Monday they secured an injunction restraining the elected officials of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union from functioning as such. The effect of this injunction is to prevent the membership of the union from democratically determining who shall represent them and how their union shall be run. The membership of the Sailors Union are confronted with the same threat.

Gains Jeopardized
Thus every gain and right of the seamen is jeopardized. Their gains are many. The tens of thousands of seamen are united behind the officials they democratically elected. Through their organized action, the seamen have forced practically every major steamship company to recognize and deal with their elected representative. Under the leadership of Joe Curran, Blackie Meyers, Jones, Jerry King and other elected officials, the seamen have improved their conditions, increased wages, organized the unorganized and forced the United Fruit to deal with the union.

The policies of the repudiated officials and the effect of the injunction would wipe these things all out by robbing the seamen of their democratic rights, enslaving them to admitted strikebreakers and weakening their organized strength.

The seamen are determined to continue their march forward. Denied their democratic rights in the ISU, they have no other alternative but to constitute themselves as the National Maritime Union for the purpose of establishing democratic organization through which they could maintain their gains, secure recognition of their elected representatives and conclude union agreements.

In Stronger Position
United in the National Maritime Union, the tens of thou-

sands of Eastern and Gulf seamen, who have conducted such a splendid, persistent fight, will be in a stronger position to defend their own interests, to cooperate with their brother marine unions, and to help in the formation of a national maritime federation.

Certainly the formation of the National Maritime Union strengthens the fight for a united national seamen's union. The undemocratic policies of ISU and AFL reactionaries have destroyed all semblance of a national organization of the seamen. Further, these bureaucrats no longer represent anyone. Certainly the seamen can expect little from these people in restoring a national seamen's union.

Only through the convening of a national unity convention by the district unions in the East and Pacific will it be possible to hammer out a program and policy that will again unite all seamen into one national union. The consolidation of the

new union of the Eastern and Gulf sailors and stewards will make such a convention realizable. And the members of the National Maritime Union are pledged to support such a policy.

The National Maritime Union is also correct in stating that such a unity convention is of vital importance in order that the seamen can nationally determine their attitude towards the CIO. This becomes an important question especially in view of the refusal, over a long period of time, of the AFL Executive Council, to recognize and protect the democratic rights of the membership of the ISU.

The unification of the Eastern and Gulf sailors and stewards in the National Maritime Union will strengthen the cause of progress and the fight for a united trade union movement. For this reason all progressive forces in the labor movement should give the new National Maritime Union their fullest support.

FACTS SHOW NEED TO FIGHT HIGH RENTS AND HIGH PRICES IN THE U.S.

LOS ANGELES—"Rentals for residential property in Los Angeles have advanced at least 20 to 25% in the past ten months, and the end is not yet in sight," declared Corbett Wagner, secretary of the Los Angeles Realty Board last week.

Pointing out that the percentage of occupancy, now between 90 and 97%, is fast approaching an all time peak, Wagner predicted a further advance of from 15 to 25% during the coming year.

Hardest hit of all by the high rise in rents have been the low wage workers or workers on WPA relief rolls, Wagner admitted.

"Moreover, the majority of those few vacancies which do exist," Wagner continued, "are in the higher rental brackets and far beyond the reach of the average renter. It is unfortunate, but true, that there simply is no additional housing available in Los Angeles for the family of modest means at a price they can afford to pay."

"Obviously, the lower paid workers and especially those with WPA jobs or on relief have been hardest hit."

The true problem of the WPA workers was shown by Pat Calahan, local organizer for the Workers Alliance. Despite the enormous increase in rents, he pointed out, the rent allowance provided in the relief budget of the LACRA remained at the low figure of from \$8 to \$16 per month, depending on the size of the family.

"The Workers Alliance has long recognized the total inadequacy of both the rent allowances set by the LACRA and the WPA wage of \$55 per month for unskilled labor, in the face of the present rapid rise in rents and the cost of living as a whole," Calahan said.

"In fact, largely as a result of the work of our organization, the LACRA has recently increased the rent allowance of a number of individual families."

Manufacturer Wholesaler Transportation or

Farmer or Processor & Retailer Other Charges

Per Cent Per Cent Per Cent Per Cent

Product

Beef (edible) 40.0 13.25 42.19 4.5

Bread (white) 13.25 63 19.28 5

Milk (fluid) 49.51 50.5 rest for transportation

Pork 40.3 18.4 34.9 6.4

Veal 43.7 12.65 43.6

CRITTENDEN

BILL BACK IN

COMMITTEE

SACRAMENTO—The Crittenden Bill, which would set up a duplicate of the compulsory arbitration Railway Labor Act for all California industries, has been returned to the Assembly Labor and capital committee.

when the matter was brought forcefully to their attention.

"But the slight increases won by individual members of the Alliance," he added, "are a long way from a solution of the problem. What is needed, in my opinion, is a concerted move by the working people of the city and their organizations against the attempts of the large mortgage companies and banks, who now control a substantial amount of the residential property in the city, to cash in on the existing housing shortage at the expense of the people. You may be sure that the Workers Alliance and its members would heartily support any move in this direction."

Spike False Propaganda

LOS ANGELES—Effectively blasting the fake theory, put out by meat packers and other food processing firms, that wage increases are responsible for high prices, a recent study of the Labor Research Association of New York shows that labor costs are 42 per cent of an important item in the food industry.

Based on a thorough study of elements entering into food prices, the Association's study shows that labor cost makes up only 6.6% of the total value of New York's food products, 5.1% of cheese products, 3.9% of flour products, 1.5% of meat packing, and 3.6% of sugar refining.

Nor, the Association declares, can the food manufacturers argue that the advances in food prices help the farmer. Figures just released by the Federal Trade Commission prove that the farmer's share of these increased prices ranges from about 11 cents of the consumer's dollar paid for cigarettes, to about 58 cents of each dollar paid for butter.

In other words, according to the Trade Commission's figures, the real bulk of the consumer's dollar goes to swell the profits of the manufacturer, wholesaler, and retailer.

The following figures show clearly how the consumer's dollar is split up:

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

The Fight for Labor Unity

With giant strides, the organization of the unorganized into industrial unions is making headway under the banner of the CIO, with the full support of the progressive forces within the AFL craft unions who favor the CIO program. The executive council of the AFL is carrying on its war against the program of organizing the unorganized by deliberate splitting tactics and provocative methods of jurisdictional disputes. At times, reactionary AFL officials have collaborated with employers to combat the CIO organization drive by setting up AFL craft locals in plants where the workers are being organized into CIO unions.

SHELLEY'S POSITION

The progressive forces in the trade unions of San Francisco and throughout California have thus far prevented the splitting of the labor movement as demanded by Green, Tobin, and Frey of the AFL bureaucracy, and kept the big majority of the CIO unions in the Central Labor Councils and the State Federation of Labor.

It comes as a surprise to many, therefore, to hear of the attack on the CIO, over a jurisdictional dispute, made by John Shelley, who was elected to the presidency of the San Francisco Labor Council with the solid support of the progressives.

Shelley has, in the main, taken a progressive stand on the maintenance of unity in the labor movement, and has been opposed by the reactionary forces who fought against his election to the presidency. But his blast against the CIO, regardless of the merits of the jurisdictional dispute, has been seized upon by all the enemies of progressive trade unionism, and especially hailed with glee by Hearst's San Francisco Examiner. This is the logic of Shelley's trying to ride two horses at the same time.

PRESERVE UNITY

If AFL progressives will allow themselves to make attacks on the CIO on the basis of jurisdictional wars for which the splitting policy of the AFL executive council is mainly responsible, then all the good work of maintaining unity in the San Francisco labor movement may be undone. Jurisdictional disputes must not be permitted to divide the labor movement. Where they arise in the course of organizing the unorganized, the decisive question must be: "How best to organize the workers and unify them in each industry on a national scale, in order to strengthen their position for gaining better conditions."

THE CIRCULATION DRIVE

In these stirring times, when American labor is on the march and the struggle against fascism on a world scale is going forward under the banner of the People's Front, the working class press is of special importance as a powerful weapon to clarify the issues facing the labor movement, organize the masses to struggle in defense of peace and democracy, and educate them to the need to fight for Socialism.

The present drive to build a mass circulation for the Western Worker and the Daily Worker, by reaching new tens of thousands of workers, will thereby advance the struggle of the progressive labor movement, and strengthen the fight for the building of a Farmer-Labor party.

Every reader of the Western Worker, every member and friend of the Communist Party, must make it his duty to reach his fellow-worker, his neighbor, and his friends with the Western Worker, the Daily and Sunday Worker.

Get him to read and then to subscribe for it. It will make of him or her a better fighter for progressive unionism, for the defense of democracy against fascism, because it will give him a better understanding of local, national, and international events. Every new reader of the Western Worker adds strength to the growing united front of labor in California. Let's make getting new readers and subs a daily job.

VIGILANCE IS PLEDGED IN S.F.

C. P. Starts "Stalin Month" There

SAN FRANCISCO—In a meeting which outlined the tasks of the Communist Party in San Francisco for the coming month and inaugurated "Stalin Month" in San Francisco, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

"The San Francisco County functionaries' meeting hails and accepts the report of Comrade Stalin, leader of our international party and of the world working class. Further, we fully endorse the action taken by our state executive committee in regard to the Trotskyite article, which through lack of Communist vigilance, recently slipped into our Western Worker."

"We in San Francisco declare our determination relentlessly to carry on the struggle against the counter-revolutionary Trotskyite agents of fascism, and to arouse our entire membership to drive them out of the labor movement forever."

"We pledge ourselves to increase our political vigilance by carrying out the minimum educational program formulated here tonight. As Communist Party functionaries, we enthusiastically assume our responsibility of leading our units and branches in an intensive study of 'Mastering Bolshevism,' and making Stalin Month a milestone in the work of our party in San Francisco."

IRON UNION GROWS

SAN FRANCISCO—The Ornamental Iron Workers Union initiated 83 new San Francisco members and 22 new East Bay members at its last meeting.

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CAL. NATIONAL FORESTS ARE ENDANGERED

QUINCY (Plumas County)—The Plumas county board of supervisors would rather see the people's national forest despoiled, so long as the big copper mining companies get their way. The supervisors have gone on record against a measure whereby land in the national forest will be withdrawn from mineral entry.

Annual East Bay Workers Picnic On Sun., May 23

OAKLAND—The annual East Bay Workers Picnic will be held May 23 in Madrona Park, near Parkhurst. Clarence Tobey, well-known trade unionist, is committee chairman. Directions are: Take train at 40th and Shafter at 11 a.m. to Madrona Park. The round trip is 50 cents; admission to grounds 25 cents. Round trip for children is 25 cents; children under 12 go free. Games, dancing good food are promised.

Soviet Film Shows 2nd Week in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Winning the same acclaim it received in Paris, London and New York showings, the new Soviet musical film, "Beethoven Concerto," has been held over here for a second week at the Grand International Theatre, 730 South Grand Ave.

Urge Mooney Pardon

SACRAMENTO—Twenty-three members of the legislature have sent Gov. Meriam a petition urging him to pardon Tom Mooney, in compliance with an assembly resolution adopted a few weeks ago.

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WINNER NOW ENTERS BIG SUB
CONTEST—SEND IN YOUR ENTRY

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

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PACKERS—MANTLE CLUB HIDES ITS
FASCIST DESIGNS FROM MEMBERS

Riverside Cement Workers, CIO, Buck Conspiracy

RUNAWAY ANTI- UNION FACTORY CAUGHT IN NAPA

Rough Rider Factory Workers Moving To Organize

By a Worker Correspondent
NAPA—About two years ago our local Chamber of Commerce, with Charles S. Grady as secretary, announced that Napa was soon to have a new business enterprise, the Rough Rider factory, come to Napa. Things went on a month or two before very much more was said about it.

The next move by the Chamber was to take up, or set up a subscription fund, to which every small business man was to give any amount from \$1 to \$1000.

Co. Trying to Avoid Paying
Decent Wages
This factory was being brought here by the Chamber of Commerce as an addition to the growth of our fair city, to which it was announced that if this factory thrived several more would soon follow.

It was announced before the factory ever got its building started that they were moving here from San Francisco, to take advantage of local labor.

Their main plea being in taking up a collection from local people, was to avoid any possibility of labor trouble, also to keep cheap labor forever in our midst. A good play by the Chamber of Commerce directly into the hands of the supervisors, to cause all of them own farms locally and advocate a wage scale of 25 cents per hour.

\$7 a Week Pay
The next move was the letting of contracts to outside firms. The factory then got under way after a lot of delays in excavation. But now the building is finished, the factory open and operating.

Everything has been going along fine at the factory, which has been exploiting our women real well by giving them about \$7 a week, when they are still supposed to be learning how to operate machinery there, so they will be able to go ahead and be exploited still more when turned out on piece work in a month or so.

About the middle of April, attempts at unionization were made in the factory. A petition was sent around, which was signed by 25 out of 125.

Immediately, Mr. Nathan Rothman snapped the whip by telling employees they would be discharged if they joined the union.

Boss's Idea Fizzled
So the Rough Rider factory employees were given directions to try to get into the local Garment Workers Union. Since his employees outnumbered present enrollment in the union, Rothman, it seems, had an idea to get control of the union. A mass meeting was held at which present members of the union decided it should be a union of their own.

At one of the mass meetings, Rothman had his spotters in front of the Labor Temple to note who was participating in union affairs. Union organizers went out and laid the law down to them about the right to assemble and organize, so the spotters disappeared and the meeting was held. Several have since been held.

Wants 'Info.' on
Auto Gauge Co.
By a Worker Correspondent
ANN ARBOR, Michigan—I am hunting for a company that makes automobile gauges, and has union wages and organization that would compare with a local firm, at present not union. We want to get some concrete examples.

We have the data on price rises and we can show that price rises have not been any less here, because wages are less than in unionized towns. But we haven't any comparable firms that are unionized. The local factory I mean is King-Seely (notice the oil gauge on your Ford, Chevrolet, Buick, Chrysler, etc.), and it employs 2000 workers.

Fraternizing with the West and its great maritime workers from the Middle West and its automobile center, Detroit.

(NOTE: If a reader can give the above information, please send it in, to be forwarded—Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

RICH CO. "COUGHS UP"
PHOENIX, Ariz.—When Atty. Gen. Conway ordered properties of the wealthy Phelps-Dodge Corp. seized for delinquent taxes and penalties, the corporation finally coughed up \$5,196,074 to the state.

Now She's After 'Western' Subs

GIRARD, L. A. County—I can't tell you how happy I am to win the Western Worker's magnificent prize "Soviet Communism." I shall certainly make good use of it; the reading line is already forming to the left. In wanting everyone to read it, I am afraid I am creating a problem in my life, however.

The books are a real encyclopedia of the USSR today and I shall be needing them constantly for reference. When some new convenience is added to our lives we wonder how we managed to get along without it before, and that is the way I feel about "Soviet Communism."

Try to Win—and You Will!
These books have me wondering how I got along without a complete set of Lenin. I don't know whether I can acquire the set via the 15 years subscription route but I will try to get as many subscriptions as I can just on general principles, that is the W. W. must have subscriptions whether I ever get my reference library collected or not.

However, these books that you are offering for 15 subs certainly should be an inspiration to subscribers.

I would like to ask your advice on a suggestion made by our unit last week. One of the comrades who is working in an organization of small farmers who are trying to get the water rates reduced proposed that he and a worker in his organization would collect data, pictures, etc., if I would write an article for the Sunday Worker showing how the small farmers are discriminated against on the water rates.

Please Write It for Us
(Possibly you know that the big farmers get water for 15c per cu. hundred feet, while the small farmers pay 4c for the same amount, and the people who own nothing but a lot must pay 13c for that amount.) He wants the article to expose the All Year Club's advertising.

They write of this beautiful valley for instance, but of course do not mention the fact that the water rates are so high that the small farmer cannot make a living and that something like 90 per cent of them work on WPA or some job beside farming, in order to live.

I suggested the article for the

No Safety Devices Used by National Motor Bearing

By a Worker Correspondent

OAKLAND—Bob has been an employee of National Motor Bearing Co., Oakland, for a number of years. As he said of other young workers, he had been hired "at cost" as they claimed. On the contrary, they had cleared close to \$2,000,000.

In an issue of the Examiner, April 30, the Alaska Packers made liars of themselves by stating that the A. P. A., in which the California Packing Corporation has an 85.5 per cent ownership, earned for the fiscal year 1936, \$441,667.

The C. P. C., which moaned in the agricultural and cannery strikes that they could not pay union wages, and fought the union states in the same issue of the Examiner and in the same column, "The C. P. C. earned for the fiscal year ending February, 1937, 50.7 per share" and the net income is \$4,895,530 for the fiscal year!

The C. P. C. also states that the 1937 season has much greater possibilities and greater incomes are expected. This later quotation is from a two-week-old Examiner.

New at the machine, Bob failed to turn the switch.

"Compensation"

Ninety dollars is what Bob was paid for leaving a finger with the Bearing Co. Also, literal insult was added to very real injury. Dwight Johnson, one of the owners, blamed Bob for carelessness! As if Bob wanted to sell a finger for \$90!

Now the workers of the Bearing Co. have been picketing the office of the Johnsons for several months.

L. A. Johnson, the boss who recruits employees in churches, discovered that the workers were organized into a union of their own choice. He locked them out.

Now He's On Picket Line
Bob is one of the most militant pickets. He was willing to leave a finger and try to forget. He swallowed his wrath when offered a measly pittance for his injury. He continued to work for an uncertain weekly \$19. But, by God, Bob was not going to be deprived of his right to organize!

HAILS FASCIST DEFEAT
NEW YORK—Thomas Mann, great German author, on his arrival here hailed the defeat of the Belgian fascist leader, De Grele.

CONTRACTORS AND PACKERS SPREAD LIES

Worker Proves 1936 Alaska Pack Was Healthiest

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—For the past six or seven months, there has been talk amongst the staunch reactionaries of labor and adherents of Mayer and Young, labor racketeers and contractors for the three companies of Alaskan cannery operators in San Francisco, that 40,000 cases of canned salmon were spoiled last year.

This is a deliberate fabrication in an attempt to discredit the Alaska Cannery Workers Union. As it so happens, I am well informed about the "spoiled" salmon in question, and it was no more spoiled than all the fish canned in the non-union days of Mayer and Young.

Fish canned last season was without doubt the cleanest, healthiest pack in the entire history of the salmon cannery industry. No one knows this better than the packers, but they won't admit it. It also was the most profitable pack, but the packers won't admit this either.

That so-called spoiled fish came from the Naknek River Canneries, Diamond M and Diamond N. N. It was fish trapped by the union fishermen that had to be brought to these above-mentioned canneries when the Union Fish Cannery burned down, to be canned in these canneries, resulting in an over-supply.

Not Fault of ACWU
Therefore, thousands of these fish had to be canned the following day instead of the day they arrived, but this happened because the Union Fish Cannery burned down. It was not the fault of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, and these fish were no more spoiled than the fish we buy in San Francisco that is from 24 to 72 or more hours old.

Whoever is responsible for that fish story in the capitalist press is a dirty liar and anti-unionist.

These Mayer-ites, who have been blacklisted by the union as saboteurs and anti-unionists, are spreading this falsehood around, but they are only lying like children because they cannot join the union.

Union Here to Stay
Like parrots they repeat the false story that the capitalist press printed in their attempt to assist the packers to break the union.

The capitalist press, Mayer, the packers, and their followers can lie all they please—the Alaska Cannery Workers Union has come to stay, and is staying!

WORKER KILLED IN 'ACCIDENT'

By a Worker Correspondent

KING CITY—Funeral services were held in Soledad Catholic church here recently for Guadalupe P. Mignola, 65, who died several hours after a whirling saw severed his body from his shoulder to the pelvis.

The casualty occurred while Mignola was cutting wood on the Victor Francisco ranch in the Mission district. No protection had been provided against the elderly worker being thrown forward into the saw.

SHOE WORKERS WIN
BOSTON—The 300 strikers at the Algy Shoe Co. returned when the company raised wages and recognized the CIO union.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE

By a Worker Correspondent

As I sit in the county jail, I've got plenty of time to think; Capitalist "justice" is to blame; Not even water to drink.

How did it all happen?

I try to recall—

A shout, a shot, blackness,

Then down to fall.

Gee, I feel tired and sick;

I feel my leg where I got shot

For being on a picket line

My back hurts and my head is hot.

But no time to worry about myself,

I wonder how the strike is coming—

I hope that picket line is holding out.

And that they got the seabs a-running.

Gee! What's that noise outside

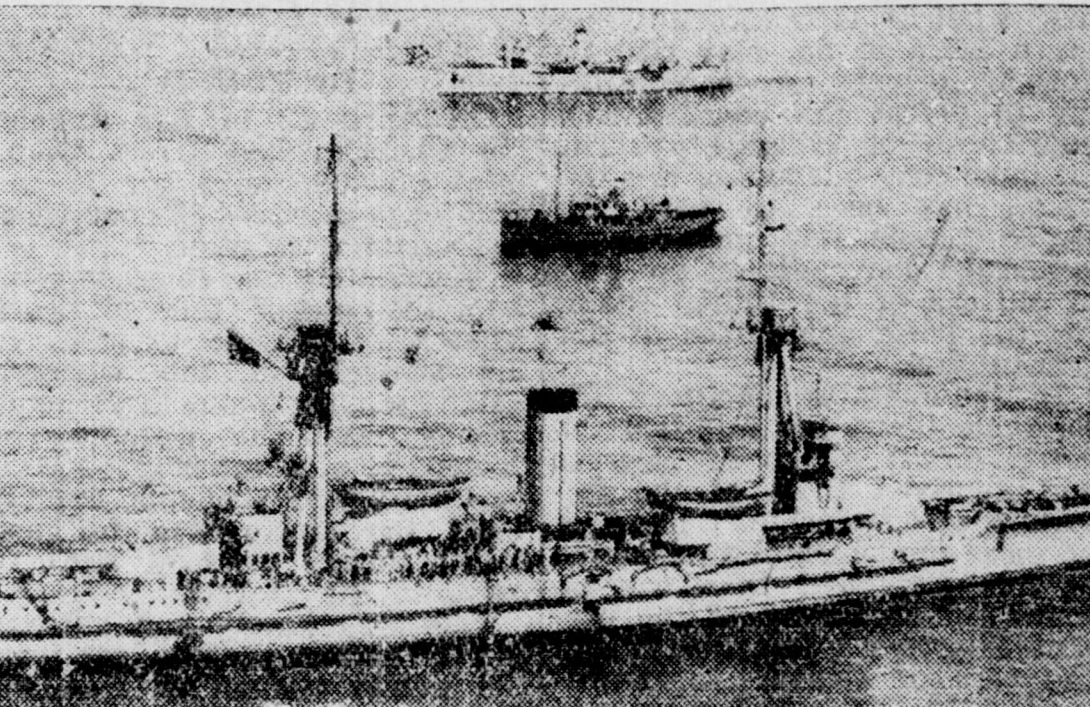
Oh, boy! It's the gang out in front—

Look at 'em! Look at the banners!

"We demand strikers' release," they cried.

—J. M., Los Angeles.

Fascist Ship in Davy Jones' Locker



THE ESPANA, only fascist Spanish cruiser, sent to the bottom of the sea by loyalist planes.

MANTLE CLUB'S MANTLE IS USED TO HIDE FASCIST AIM

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—The "Mantle Club" is well named. The aims of the club are cloaked in a mantle of subtlety.

I have just read "Letter No. 21," dated April 12, of the Mantle Club, which was issued from national headquarters of the organization, Delaware. A co-worker of mine, a member, "allowed" me to see the letter, hoping to prove it is a harmless, "social uplifting" order.

Was mistaken. The letter was a damning indictment of the aims of the club, easily seen by any class-conscious worker.

Bait for Fascism
According to this letter, the Mantle Club is to help young men to climb the ladder of success in the business world and become generally respected citizens.

Substance of the letter, in part, is: prospective members must be of the type who are ambitious and sincere; they must understand the meaning of the words, Loyalty, Honor and Justice (page Hitler's storm troops!); they must realize "we are put on the earth by our creator for a purpose" (heil Hitler!); "the trouble in these times is that many people have forgotten the ideals and principles with which they started out in life; they have allowed themselves to be drawn off at a tangent, as it were; the purpose of the Mantle Club is to help bring them back to where they began and help them start anew with their first and true ideals and principles."

Who Can Join "Mantle Club"
The above simply means the Mantle Club leaders realize the American workers are rapidly discarding their ideas about capitalism and are entering militant trade unions.

My friend told me there was no discrimination. "Can an atheist join?" I asked. "No," he replied "you must believe in God." "Can a Communist join?" "No," he shook his head quickly. "No," he said "you must believe in the Constitution."

For the same reason, he said fascists are not eligible. "But when I asked him what a fascist was, he didn't know. Jews can become members—so far—but Negroes are barred."

It is worth noting that only young men are encouraged to join, as "the ones naturally most ambitious and anxious to get ahead."

On the Trade Unions
I told my friend the union's purpose was to better the living conditions of the people. "Yes," he said, "but they are all organizing; now what are they going to use these union organizations for in the future?" When I asked what he meant by this question, he became mysteriously silent.

No doubt the Mantle Club is teaching its members that the unions are going to attempt to overthrow the U. S. government; and therefore, the Mantle Club is training its members to be the American storm troops of the future, and will use them to smash the unions, exactly as happened in Germany under the Nazis.

STA. MONICA
SCHOOL KIDS
HATE HITLER

By a Worker Correspondent
SANTA MONICA—It is interesting to note what effect Hitler's Germany has on the young students in the John Adams High School here. When the history teacher asked the students to prepare a theme on the history of the different countries in Europe (from the Dark Ages up to the present day), most of the children clamored for Russia, France, England and Spain, but none took Germany.

When the teacher asked them to write the history of Germany, the students refused. I then advised my daughter to take Germany, and point out what fascism did to a cultured nation, and how it threw it back to barbarism.

Guerilla Warfare in Manchuria Continues
HARBIN, Manchuria—Continuation of the guerrilla warfare of the Manchurian people against the Japanese rulers was indicated here by the government's announcement on May 8 that Japanese troops had clashed with native "bandit" bands in two different engagements.

COMPANY UNION GIVEN AFL CHARTER WHILE CEMENT CO. PERSECUTES CIO MEMBERS

A. C. Carroll, President of CIO Union, in Account of Organization Made to Fight Intolerable Conditions

By a Worker Correspondent

RIVERSIDE—With the odds temporarily against them, the Riverside Cement Workers, CIO affiliate, are still bucking against a double-dealing conspiracy between Riverside Cement Co. officials and leaders of the Company union just turned AFL.

The strikers, who kept the plant closed down all week, voted Sunday night, May 2, to return to work the next morning pending further negotiations. This action was taken as a result of a promise made by Company President, Garret Becker, Sunday morning he told A. C. Carroll, president of the Riverside Cement Workers, Gately and May of the union committee, that he had signed an agreement with the American Federation of Labor, which provided recognition of that union if, within 30 days, it proved itself representative of the majority of the workers.

A False Promise
"I'll do the same for you. When either of the unions, whether CIO or AFL, proves itself in the majority, I'll meet the negotiating committee," Carroll reported Becker as saying.

As a result of this committee report, the majority of the strikers voted to return to work feeling that the sentiment of the plant favored CIO.

Trick Exposed
The trick was exposed as the workers punched the clock Monday morning. Manchester, head shipping clerk and one of the organizers of the company union which went AFL said, "Fellows, you'd better sign up with the AFL before you check in."

The worker who reported this stated that Manchester was a notorious stooge for the company in their big fight to block the AFL when they tried to organize in the plant during 1932.

Carroll said he went to McDonald, plant manager, immediately and learned that the company had recognized the AFL as sole bargaining agent. Informed of President Becker's agreement, McDonald said, "I'm running this show."

Becker, who was in Los Angeles when called by long distance, told the union committee he misunderstood him. It was then too late to reach the workers' many of whom had already gone down into the mines where the CIO was strongest. Uninformed about details, most of the men stayed in the plant while a minority walked out.

Intimidation Started
Following this betrayal a campaign of intimidation was started by straw bosses, foremen and officials. Workers in the power house, all CIO men, were demoted to the boiler room.

One assistant foreman, David Vinlove, stated that he was demoted to packing cement while the head foreman stood over him riding him hard. Others were followed about by cops while thugs with guns and clubs were on duty inside the mill and about the grounds.

The same company union henchmen who had tried intimidation to persuade workers to join the company union, began using the same tactics to get them into the AFL. One of the CIO members reported that during the first week of the strike an AFL organizer of teamsters told the picket captain that if he didn't allow the trucks to pass through the picket line, that he would pull the truck driver's card and drive the truck through himself.

How CIO Union Organized
Carroll, interviewed by this correspondent, gave a summary of events since the CIO was organized.

"Another miner and myself decided several months ago that we would start some kind of a move to improve bad working conditions. Often gas fumes were so strong that some of us had to lay in a drift without moving."

"We first thought of forming a company union ourselves, then investigated the AFL, and finally decided that the CIO was our only hope to accomplish anything."

"I'm a damned good liar—in fact, you know, the best in the world, so start writing that check out, and no more argument, because liars are in demand among your kind, Mr. Hearst!"

INTERVIEW
By a Worker Correspondent
"Knock! Knock!"
"Who's there?"
"Trotzky the rat, asking Willie Hearst for his next check."

"But you know you ask for too much."
"I'm a damned good liar—in fact, you know, the best in the world, so start writing that check out, and no more argument, because liars are in demand among your kind, Mr. Hearst!"

Now She Supports
Workers Alliance
By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Wilson is a young housewife who lives in the same apartment house as I do. During the WPA strike, she swallowed propaganda that WPA workers did not have real jobs, that they could not "strike against the government."

Shortly after, Mrs. Wilson, on relief, found her child needed immediate medical care. The relief and welfare agencies stalled around, claiming they first had to solicit aid from distant relatives in the East.

I took her down to the Workers' Alliance; and their assurance of help changed her attitude. "Also, her visitor, in whom she has great confidence, told her the Alliance was a fine organization which could do more for her than even a visitor could."

Her child's case was taken care of by a grievance committee, and the child was admitted to a clinic without further trouble.

Overnight, Mrs. Wilson has become a supporter of the Alliance and of organized labor. She told all of her friends about the case, and brought another neighbor to me—a woman who has been refused county aid.

JOHN P. DAVIS, NEGRO CONGRESS LEADER, ASKS COURT UNPACKING

Nine Old Men Denied All Major Rights Of Negroes

Mr. Chairman:
I am secretary of the National Negro Congress, a federation of some 600 representative organizations throughout the nation. And on behalf of the Congress I desire to register our approval of the plan submitted to the Congress of the United States by President Roosevelt for reorganization of the Federal Judiciary.

The issue now placed before the country in these proposals of the President is of grave concern to the Negro people. No one who knows the history of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution can deny that these great Amendments were designed to establish untrammeled rights of citizenship for all Americans regardless of race, creed, color or previous conditions of servitude.

Court Curbed Rights
Yet the plain fact is that today there are substantial abridgments of these citizenship rights so far as the Negro people are concerned. And if we look for the reasons for these abridgments we will find them in the tortured constructions which Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States have given to these Amendments during the last 60 years or so.

I am sure the members of this committee know that the notorious *Dred Scott* decision, forcing, as it did, hideous chattel slavery into every nook and cranny of the United States, resulted in the disastrous War of the Rebellion. The Union was threatened. And hundreds of thousands of young men, many of them Negroes, gave their lives and shed their blood that this nation might be a united nation of free men.

On All Issues
Practically every major citizenship right guaranteed Negro people by these Amendments (13th, 14th and 15th) has been either seriously limited or rendered a nullity by biased decisions of the United States Supreme Court. Scarcely had these amendments become effective when a five to four decision of the Supreme Court in the *Slaughter House Cases* declared that the state still had power to grant privileges to one class of its citizens and to deny these privileges to another.

Congress, representing the will of the people of the United States, adopted the national Civil Rights Act. This act was intended to give proper legislative enforcement to the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments. Yet the Supreme Court Justices presumed to override the will of Congress and the will of the people and to declare that the federal government could not enact a law to guarantee equal rights and privileges to citizens.

Consequences
The social consequences of this decision was now known to all. Robbed of protection of the federal government, the Negro freedman was rapidly pushed back into a state of semi-slavery in the South. The Ku Klux Klan rode again. Negroes were prevented from voting by hooded mobs. Fraudulently elected state officers in the South refused to enforce the guarantees of the Constitution to the Negro. And the Supreme Court became by its decision in the *Civil Rights Case*, (109 U. S. 3), the active agent in defeating the expressed will of the People of the United States.

Mr. Chairman, it was this biased five to four decision that is the direct result today of the retarded social and economic development of one tenth of the people of the United States. It did not take long for the Supreme Court to validate state legislation which further nullified the Constitutional rights of Negro citizens. *Jim Crow* Car

John P. Davis, national secretary of the National Negro Congress, told the Senate Judiciary Committee why the Negro people of this country overwhelmingly demand the carrying out of the proposals to unpack the Supreme Court which has consistently flouted the constitutional rights of the Negro people and helped to keep them in subjection. His testimony is printed here in abridged form.

laws were validated in *Plessy vs. Ferguson* (163 U. S. 537). The Supreme Court held that it was within the Constitution to segregate Negro passengers on public transportation systems.

Faracial Argument
The court sought to cover this unwise decision with the sophistic reasoning that separate accommodations for Negroes and Whites were constitutional so long as these accommodations were equal. But any lawyer who studies Supreme Court decisions as to what constitutes equality will readily appreciate the stupendous force which has been perpetrated upon the Negro people by the United States Supreme Court.

Equality as interpreted by the Supreme Court has been held to mean pullman cars and dining cars and de luxe accommodations for white passengers and filthy dust-ridden coach accommodations for Negroes. Such is the only reasonable conclusion to be drawn from the decision in the case of *McCabe vs. Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co.* (235 U. S. 151).

Approved Jim Crow Schools
The Supreme Court validated laws providing for jimcrow schools. And we have the sorry spectacle in democratic America of per capita expenditures in Southern States for white children eight times those for Negro children. And such conditions are declared to represent equal treatment by the Supreme Court.

Now in the *Slaughter House Cases* much was made by the Justices who framed the majority decision of the distinction between citizenship in the United States and citizenship in a state. The natural inference from such a distinction would seem to be that at least the 14th Amendment was designed to guarantee absolutely equal treatment to citizens of the United States. One would expect, therefore, that Congress, having power to legislate for territorial possession of the United States would be compelled to deal equally with all citizens of the United States therein. But not so.

No Limit
In the case of *Wall vs. Oyster* the Supreme Court upheld the right of Congress to create segregated school for Negro children in the District of Columbia. And today as a result of such discrimination we find appropriations proposed for the fiscal year 1938 by the present House of Representatives for capital outlay for buildings and grounds for Negro schools in the District to be 17.7 per cent of the total, although the Negro school population here is 36.4 per cent of the total.

Thus nine mortal men are able to arrogantly substitute their warped social views for the concept of true democracies for which scores of thousands gave their lives in the War of the Rebellion.

Negroes are herded into residential ghettos as result of Supreme Court decisions. It is true that the Court could not permit itself to go so far astray from reasonable interpretation of the Constitution as to allow states to establish jimcrow residential areas.

But it did accomplish the same result when it lent its enervated weight to the enforcement of covenants between private citizens of the United States which restricted the sale or rental of property to white persons in the case of *Corrigan vs. Buckley*, (271 U. S. 323).

HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FRAZIER-LEMKE MORATORIUM

Considerable interest has developed in the Frazier-Lemke moratorium act since the supreme court recently held it constitutional. Doubt of its constitutionality had prevented many farmers from filing under it, while lower court rulings had made filing impossible in several districts. Old suits, knocked out by the lower courts, may now be reinstated, and the provisions of the act are open to all farmers.

Procedure
Briefly, the provisions and procedure are as follows:
1. When foreclosure proceedings are started, the farmer may file a petition with the clerk of the federal district court, or the conciliation commissioner of the county (the law provides that there shall be one of the latter in each county, but some of them have not yet been appointed). It is best to hire a good friendly lawyer. Organizations should retain their own lawyer, for mutual protection.

2. The petition should contain a schedule of property, and should ask for reduction or extension of time on debts. If a majority of the creditors agree to the compromise, the farmer proceeds according to the plans drawn up in the petition. If creditors are unwilling the farmer files under the bankruptcy

subsection (s) of the act, asking that he be allowed to remain in possession of his property for three years.

3. The property is appraised and the farmer proceeds to farm, paying rent as set by the court. The court supervises the farming, and may for cause remove the occupant.

4. At the end of three years, or before, the farmer may pay off the appraised debt. However, here is where the main hitch comes in. The creditor has power to demand a reappraisal, or forced sale at public auction. Consequently, the act does not FORCE an adjustment of debt, but merely provides for a breathing spell. The original act had teeth in it, but they were pulled to get it past the supreme court.

There is little doubt that literally thousands of farmers have lost their properties because they did not know how to take advantage of state and federal moratoriums. Too many farmers simply deeded over their land, believing everything their creditors tell them. Often their own lawyers advise them against fighting the case, sometimes because the lawyers themselves are ignorant of the law and sometimes because they really work against their clients.
—Farm Holiday News

Prevented Negroes' Right to Vote In South

* Thus the Courts have declared that what it is unconstitutional for a State to do, may still be done by private citizens conspiring to defeat the constitutional guarantees of citizenship. The practical consequences of this decision has been to herd the Negro people into ghettos, to encourage disrespect on the part of citizens of the United States for the basic guarantees of our Constitution.

In innumerable decisions the Supreme Court has nullified the constitutional rights of Negroes and deprived them of the full stature of citizenship. I know of no more fundamental an example of this statement than can be found in the actions of the present Supreme Court Justices in the case of *Grovey vs. Townsend* (295 U. S. 454) popularly known as the Fourth Texas Primary Case. Freed from its high-flown verbiage this decision is a blunt denial by the Justices of the Supreme Court of the right of three million Negro voters to exercise the sacred right of effective franchise in the South.

Lynching Blight
Today the stain of mob-violence blots the fair name of the American nation. Polls of American public opinion indicate that 70 per cent of the people of the nation and 65 per cent of the people in the South favor a federal anti-lynching law. Yet I heard members of the other House, who came from the South, declare this week that such a law designed to prevent so hideous a crime, would be declared unconstitutional.

And in the light of the decisions which I have just discussed there is grave reason to believe that five of the Justices will so decide. They will decide so not because the law is unconstitutional, not because it does not express the will of the people, but because they will assume the right to set a social pattern for America consistent with their views.

It is to be hoped that the undemocratic denial of citizenship rights to Negroes accomplished by Supreme Court decisions will soon be remedied. It is our belief that remedy of these evils should not depend on the whims and caprices of one man. Too much is at stake.

For, Mr. Chairman, America can never hope to accomplish the promises which our heritage of democracy so brilliantly offer until for every citizen there is complete equality of citizenship.

In these days social forces are moving rapidly and not the least slowly among the Negro people. In these days there is need for a Supreme Court whose judicial temper can accurately reflect the social trends of the period in which we live. We cannot wait for Amendments while three million Negroes are denied the right to vote. For who can say that new Amendments will not share the same fate as the old.

The power of the Supreme Court to alter the effect of the will of the people must be curbed. The Roosevelt proposals now before you offer at least a partial and effective remedy to accomplish this. Negro voters throughout the country give their complete support to the President's proposals.

Long Beach Votes Against Anti-Labor Proposals

LONG BEACH—Voters here turned thumbs down on several reactionary proposals in the May third election when seven proposed charter amendments were submitted to the voters. At the same time they voted favorably on an initiative ordinance to close meat markets on Sunday, in line with the campaign carried on by the Butchers' Union, and for an annexation on Atlantic Avenue to permit extension of the city bus service.

The charter amendment for an "industrial promotion tax," carrying a threat of open shop promotion, was decisively defeated. Another decisive defeat was handed to the proposal legalizing a secret service fund for the police department and city manager, when it was generally recognized that these funds were intended for anti-union activities.

Legion Rank & File Asks Reactionary Official to Resign

APPLETON, Minn.—F. B. Anderson, Minnesota state commander of the American Legion, has been asked to resign by the Russell Johnson Post here because he used his office to attack the People's Lobby and Farmer-Labor Governor Elmer Benson in a state-wide radio address.

The action was taken by Russell Johnson Post No. 72.

ROLE OF C. P. IN CLEANERS' STRIKE IN LA

Mobilized Citizens For Assistance To Pickets

By YOUNG
On April 12 in Los Angeles the Cleaners and Dyers Union went out on strike for 10 per cent wage increase, 40 hour week and union recognition.

Immediately one comrade went into the picket line to learn what we could do to assist in the struggle of the workers. After spending about three hours talking with the workers, she decided to visit the neighborhood businesses and residents, explain what the strike was for and solicit money or food stuff to serve to the pickets.

This was timely and successful. We were able to get from the public enough to feed the pickets from April 14 to and including April 24. At 7:30 each morning we were serving sandwiches and hot coffee. We were assisted by the Workers Alliance local in our Section.

Introduced Ourselves
We were asked who we were giving this food. We told the strikers who we were and how we were working during the struggles of the workers. We issued leaflets and canvassed the whole territory, informing the public of their demands, and we invited the workers to use our section center, which was located about 300 feet from the plant. When they came into our center we gave them a leaflet which was as follows:

1. Stating the minimum wage paid in this plant as against the union wage scale. The need of more money to meet the high cost of living.

2. Asking churches, organizations, etc. to go on record against these plants.

3. To not patronize these places and to phone them (we listed the plants) and state why they would not send them their work.

4. Asking them not to scab.

5. Phone and tell your friend about the importance of the workers' winning this strike, calling attention to the fact that this union does not discriminate and has in its membership Mexicans, Negroes and whites.

They read these leaflets. We pointed out to them that the capitalist press would not state the whole truth to the public and that since our interests were never separate from the working class interests we publicized the truth about workers' struggles. They were receptive to our literature from our own Western Worker to the Moscow News.

I should like to quote from the official strike bulletin:
"At 7 a.m. on Tuesday we were greeted on the picket line at the City Dye Works by the Workers Alliance and the Goodyear Section of the Communist Party with sandwiches and steaming hot coffee. In the afternoon they were there with plenty of ice water."

Our presence and attitude did much to encourage and keep up the spirits of the strikers and the interest we aroused in the vicinity was made evident by the support we received from the neighbors who offered their services to assist in serving the pickets—some even went into the line for one or two hours a day.

Negro Community
Our leaflets did much to bring people to see what a strike looked like. In this territory which is a thickly populated Negro community where we are doing a concentrated work, many of the populace had never seen a strike. When they saw Mexicans, Negroes and whites fraternizing so genially on the picket line all that they had heard about the Negro and union discriminations was washed away.

Of course there were some who had suffered from discriminations but were quick to see the advantages to the Negro people in CIO unionism.

This strike has offered us the best opportunity to explain to the general public in this area the meaning of CIO to the working people, but this has not been done as effectively as it could have been.

As I stated above, this plant was about 300 feet from our section center where one of our largest units has been meeting for more than eight months and these comrades were unprepared to meet this issue, although the capitalist press as well as our own press had been writing of the impending walkout for weeks. Had we been aware of such a criminal negligence would not have occurred.

We were not well-organized. While work was carried out with good effect, it was haphazardly organized. Not one of our Western Workers were sold, nor one Sunday Worker; yet we gave plenty of back issues away. No pamphlets were even thought of until about a week a comrade from about 6 miles away came to the center and spent a couple of mornings.

The above will show that a great deal more could have been done had we been properly organized and aware of our opportunities. Many gains could have been made among the rank and file Negro population in this area for months we had made feeble efforts to penetrate. This, our biggest opportunity, was not met with real organization necessary to build the party and fully acquaint the people with its program.

It Took 10 Hours to Pass One Point



NEW YORK'S May Day parade. 150,000 took part in this great united front demonstration of Socialists, Communists and trade unionists and other progressives. The parade took 10 hours to pass a given point.

Petition on the Supreme Court

Filled-out copies of this petition, first published in the April 26 edition of the Western Worker, are coming into the office of the Western Worker, from where they are being forwarded to Labor's Non-Partisan League for its use in Washington, D. C.

You can help the fight against the reactionary supreme court. Clip and circulate this copy. Then mail it to the Western Worker 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

SENATOR HIRAM JOHNSON, UNITED STATES SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

We, the undersigned, hereby petition and demand that you, as elected representative of the people of California to the United States Senate, cease defying the wishes and desires of the majority of the people of California by attacking the Supreme Court reform legislation now facing Congress. We further petition and demand that you support this legislation so vital to the interests of the people, and that you use your influence to secure favorable votes from all 20 members of Congress from California.

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Black Legion is Under Scrutiny Of La Follette

WASHINGTON—Secret investigation of the notorious Black Legion has been started by the Senate Civil Liberties Committee led by Senator Robert M. La Follette Jr., Wisconsin Progressive.

Public hearings are expected to be held, revealing the findings of the investigation and hearing evidence submitted by other witnesses.

Although the Black Legion suddenly sprang into prominence as the result of a public investigation in Detroit in the summer of 1930, it was shown to have carried on its terroristic program against labor and all progressive forces since the start of the depression.

Its tentacles were mainly rooted in the auto industry in Michigan, where its leaders were prominent in politics, but its activities were reported to have spread to California, New York, Indiana, Ohio and other regions. In its anti-labor program the Legion protected its lawless activities by rooting itself in the law enforcing agencies. It made strong use of chauvinistic attacks of foreign born, Catholics, Jews and Negroes.

Thresh Out Program

ST. PAUL, Minn.—One hundred fifty delegates from trade unions, Farmer-Labor ward clubs, civic bodies and others rallied to an emergency meeting of the People's Lobby to determine future action, with an announcement that a special session of the legislature had been called for May 24.

Another important point on the agenda was the coming trial of four People's Lobby spokesmen, arrested following a giant demonstration at the capitol.

Townsend Turns To Red-Baiting On Court Reform

BOISE, Idaho—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, whose championship of old-age pension has been submerged by his connections with the fascist demagogue Father Coughlin, told the press here he was opposed to the President's supreme court reform proposals.

Townsend, reverting to the red-baiting which was repudiated overwhelmingly in the November elections, branded the proposed "enlargement" of the court as "communistic." When Townsend carried on a mass campaign to secure the advance pledges of senators and congressmen to support old age pension proposals he was followed and revered by millions. In his statement here he denounced the advance pledge of support to the court enlargement proposals made by Mayor George L. Berry, newly appointed senator from Tennessee.

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500 MILLIONS ASKED TO AID FARM TENANTS

Boileau Introduces New Farm Security Bill in House

WASHINGTON (FD)—Launching a new drive on the problem of farm tenancy, Rep. Gerald Boileau (Prog., Wis.) introduced his Farm Security Bill calling for \$500,000,000 for the purchase by the government of farm lands which are to be resold to tenants on a long term basis.

Boileau put his bill into the congressional hopper despite the pending inadequate Jones farm tenancy bill and the President's warning against new expenditures. Boileau's bill is backed by the Farm Holiday Association, the Farmers' Union of Louisiana and several national and state Farmers' Union leaders.

Meets Their Needs
"This bill, in my judgment, can and will serve as the rallying point for a powerful uniting movement among the true working farmers of our country," Gardner Jackson, legislative advisor to the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union declared. The measure was also hailed here by Webster Powell, director of Farm Research.

Boileau's bill was drafted and introduced following the report of the President's commission on farm tenancy which found deplorable conditions on the land and farm tenancy increasing at an alarming rate. Rep. Marvin Jones (D., Tex.) introduced a bill containing some of the recommendations of the commission which was further emasculated in the House Committee.

Chief provisions on the Boileau bill are (1) 500 million dollars for the government purchase of land, (2) administration of the act by locally elected committees of farmers, tenants

GOV. MURPHY PROMISES TO CHANGE BILL

Anti-Labor Clauses Draw Immediate Labor Protest

DETROIT—A storm of protest having greeted the anti-labor provisions of his recently announced labor relations bill, Governor Frank Murphy of Michigan has backed down by describing it as "only a framework" and promising that much of it will be written before final passage.

Murphy's bill, posing as a "little Wagner Act," would virtually outlaw strikes, compel unions to submit to a registration procedure having virtually the same effect as incorporation, enforce compulsory arbitration and open the door to company unionism.

Protests from all sections of the labor movement immediately greeted the bill. Foremost among them was a protest from the United Automobile Workers of America and from its president, Homer Martin.

Murphy now announces that he is seeking three main purposes: to guarantee collective bargaining with freedom for workers to select their own representatives, to set up a board to "investigate and mediate" labor disputes, and to legalize picketing with restrictions on the use of injunctions.

and sharecroppers, (3) purchase price of the land to be approved by the county committees, (4) no evictions or foreclosures for 40 years and no one-year payment to exceed one-fourth of the cash value of the crop, (5) interest rates at 1 1/2% and (6) safeguards for the right of all farmers to organize and provisions for written contracts between tenants and landlords.

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Vandeleur's \$100-A-Day Attorney Tells in Salinas Hearings How He and Vandeleur Betrayed Lettuce Strikers in '35

SALINAS—Last fall, when the Western Worker charged that Alfred Aram, San Jose attorney, and Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, combined to sell out the strike of Salinas lettuce workers, Aram threatened to sue the Western Worker for libel.

GIVE PARKER DAM STRIKE BACKGROUND

AFL Organizer Seen Trying to Break Up Strike

PARKER DAM—Approximately 70 California and Arizona deputy sheriffs and highway patrolmen armed with submachine guns and tear gas have moved into the Parker Dam strike area here.

The facts in this strike are as follows: Over two months ago the negotiations committee of Local 270, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO, set about to organize the J. P. Shea company, contractors on the government power project.

To check this move Supt. F.T. Crowe brought in outside organizers, among them L. Hugobaum. Crowe is known as "the man who broke the Boulder Dam strike," and Hugobaum is his right-hand man.

AFL Organizer as Strikebreaker On April 24, the CIO moved out on strike, demanding \$1 increase in pay and union recognition. Between then and April 29, Hugobaum sought to organize on a craft basis, establishing a foothold among the shovellers. An agreement was reached between the company and the AFL, which the company promised CIO pickets would be removed. The company imported sheriffs and patrolmen against any attempt by CIO men to block the AFL.

Amos Heacock, CIO organizer, stated, "The leadership of the AFL is a matter of rank and file intimidation. It is the policy of the CIO not to organize in those unions in which the AFL is already established.

"Two years ago the AFL was invited to come in, negotiate and organize," and refused. Two months ago the CIO came into the area and has been almost 100 per cent successful. The Shea company is the only company without union organization. We are opposed to a conflict between the rank and file members and rather than run this risk the rank and file have agreed on a peaceful demonstration. At eight o'clock we will establish our picket line. We will not prevent the AFL from passing through, but we believe that the majority of them will decide against it."

By 7 a.m. the CIO picket line held 250 men and approximately 33 women. At 7:10, Strike Committee man Currie spoke to the men, reminding them of their pledge of peace. At 7:30 the AFL men started going through the lines. About 200 went through and 25 came back. Approximately 125 refused to go through.

L. Hugobaum was indignant at the pickets and said had been promised by the Shea Co. that there would be no pickets. The sentiment of the AFL rank and file that refused to go through the picket-line is summed up in the comment of one member:

"What the hell do they think a man is, going through a picket line? I lived a long time before I saw this job and I'll be damned if I'll go through any picket-line."

The men who went to work (175) are not enough to keep the plant open. Four hundred at least are needed to run the machines.

CIO Men Confident — There is a rumor that the Shea Co. will close down for four months until the whole issue blows over. This, however, seems highly improbable due to expense of closing down; and because the Parker Dam is two-thirds below the river bed, the special pumping process demands constant application.

Confidence among the CIO men is high and pickets will remain. Fifty members came in from Banning and Beaumont to support the picket-line.

Because of a slanderous attack in Hearst's Los Angeles Examiner, a rank and file movement has started in favor of a boycott, and a move has been made to extend it to a national scale.

The Guild and the Printers Side by Side



A NEWSPAPER GUILD picket being led away from mass picket line by detective at Long Island Daily Press, New York, struck by printers and Newspaper Guild members.

Labor's League in Court Curb Fight

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With one of the greatest national demonstrations ever held to its credit, Labor's Non-Partisan League is pushing hard in every direction to carry the fight for the President's court reform plan to every last American voter.

The nation-wide demonstration on April 19 was carried out exactly according to plan, except that it is not even yet known how many scores of mass meetings were held in the great program of cooperative opinion mobilizing.

There were 24 key meetings, but in many states, notably Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, Ohio and West Virginia, League state organizations literally dotted the entire areas with local meetings.

Members of Congress have been informed about meetings, as fast as reports have come to the League and messages have gone direct from local meetings to members elected from the community in which the local meeting was held.

Intensive follow-up work is being done, so that none of the effect of the nation-wide demonstration be lost. Major George L. Berry, national League president, expressed himself as delighted with the response and as being certain of victory for the President's plan.

Labor, regardless of the internal division, is united in support of the President's plan and is carrying through in the campaign in complete harmony and unity.

Western Sugar is Forced to Sign 1st Agreement

SAN FRANCISCO — For the first time in history of Western Sugar Corp., which has fought organized labor for many years, this corporation was forced to sign an agreement with a union, the Warehousemen's Union, ILA 38-44, has announced.

The agreement grants preferential hiring to the union, two weeks vacation with pay, seniority rights, and substantial wage increases. Western Sugar Corp. recently tried, through AFL Organizer Roland Watson, to have an AFL federal charter granted to its company union.

However, this move was thoroughly squelched in the San Francisco Central Labor Council several weeks ago, and the corporation was brought to terms by the Warehousemen shortly thereafter.

TEXTILE UNION ORGANIZES S. F. KNITTING MILL

SAN FRANCISCO—The United Textile Workers Union, CIO affiliate, is again "going to town" in organizing previously unorganized workers; at the first meeting of workers from Gantner & Mattern Knitting Mills, located on Mission St., 300 of the 500 workers were present.

With the U.T.W. ready to negotiate for a union agreement, Gantner & Mattern sent two forewomen, a foreman and a timekeeper around among the workers last week, telling them the U.T.W. was a "radical union" and to sign up in a "genuine AFL union." Only about a dozen workers signed this petition.

UN-AMERICANS FEAR TRIP-UP ON ACTIVITIES

Santa Clara Bosses' League Uneasy as Charges Loom

SAN JOSE—W. W. Jacka, attorney for the Employers' League of Santa Clara County, has been forced to recommend all league activity be halted, pending a study of its legality and un-American work.

The so-called league was engaged in obtaining information on what it termed radical activities that might result in raising wages of the 30,000 underpaid agriculture workers employed by its members.

Field Union Organizing The AFL Agriculture and Cannery Union in Santa Clara County is engaged in a tremendous drive for new members and for a nearer approach to the American standard of living. Informal complaints were made recently that the Employers' League's activities violated the state and federal laws, including the Wagner Act of which the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has promised wholesale conspiracies by its members to evade and thwart.

Benefit for Union Held A benefit for the Agricultural Workers Union was held by the Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County on Monday, May 10. For the feature photoplay, "The Plow That Broke the Plains," a labor film, and "Love in the Run" (Clark Gable) and "Adventure in Manhattan" (Joel McCrea). An official from the Federal Bureau of Investigation spoke in connection with the main film.

Growers Given Arsenal Growers' demand on the County Board of Supervisors won new death-dealing equipment from the sheriff in keeping wages down, it was learned at the City Hall last week. The canneries and picking corporation interests, owners of the big acreages, demanded what they called "additional safeguards" against attempts for collective bargaining on the part of the pickers.

San Francisco Sheriff George Lyle (who co-operated in the vomiting and tear gas attack at Salinas some time ago) will be equipped with new patrol cars and additional rifles, shotguns, tear and sickening gas grenades and projectiles.

These will probably be used "to preserve law and order" when the Agricultural Union attempts to enforce the 1936 election returns against the Employers' League of Santa Clara County.

Strikebreaking Supervisors The Supervisors took the action following recent "requests" from the Associated "Farmers" of Santa Clara County, \$3,235 of the taxpayers' money was voted from the emergency funds to purchase the equipment for the harvesting and canning seasons.

The board was advised by Lloyd Edwards, local president of the Associated "Farmers," that his organization will stand solidly behind the State Highway Patrol and the Sheriff.

The board also gave the Southern Pacific Railroad \$3600 for some land in a public road.

Sen. Copeland is Again Plotting Against Seamen

WASHINGTON—Senator Copeland, of New York, is again trying hard to break up the maritime unions, after these unions succeeded in trimming anti-labor provisions from his previous "fink book" act.

His Senate Commerce Committee has reported out favorably to the Senate on S. 2084, which would allow "school ship" graduates to become able seamen upon graduation and would cut out the clause in the present law that such graduates have to have at least 12 months practical experience at sea after graduation, before they become AB's.

This would be a fine law for the shipowners, for it would create a new field from which they could recruit potential strikebreakers in event of a labor shortage.

Labor and progressive forces are mobilizing to kill the bill in the House Merchant Marine Committee, to which this bill must be referred.

AFL Union Strikes To Help CIO Local

CHICAGO — The AFL Office Workers Union called 100 of its members working for the National Tea Company out on strike in sympathy with the CIO-led strike of more than 600 warehouse workers for the grocery chain. Mass picket lines were formed of members from both unions.

Business Agent Bob Says . .

A friend of mine went to a meeting the other day, and Ed. Vandeleur was sitting on the platform alongside John O'Connell.

My friend wasn't too familiar with the "big shots," so he asked me if O'Connell was the big guy among the reactionaries. I told him, no, he's only Vandeleur's assistant.

Being a dimly clerk, my friend said it reminded him of the short-sighted lady who had come into the store that day and asked him: "Is that the head cheese over there?"

My friend says he told her: "No, that's only his assistant."

S. F. OFFICE EMPLOYEES GET UNION

Estimate 20,000 Are Eligible to be Organized

SAN FRANCISCO — Office workers, insurance office employees and bank clerks are being organized here under a federal charter under the wing of the Central Labor Council. It was announced last week by President John F. Shelley. It is estimated there are 20,000 such white-collar workers in San Francisco, who would come under this organization plan.

The plan is to set up a Federation of Office Employees, which will include separate locals for bank clerks, insurance workers and general office workers, said Shelley.

Eager for Organization Seven hundred office workers crowded Musicians' Hall at 230 Jones St. last week, and Shelley said he was working with a group of 100 bank clerks and another group of 200 insurance company employees.

Office Employees Union, Local 13,188, waived jurisdiction of all office workers in private employment and will confine itself to civil service office employees and those employed in offices of other unions.

Bldg. Trade Heads Try to Block CIO in Ariz.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—In a desperate effort to block the steadily growing influence of the CIO organization committee in Arizona, officials of the Phoenix Building Trades Council here hobbled with representatives of the several contractor companies and corporations having contracts on road, highway and public works in construction in this state.

On Sunday, May 2, representatives of the Building Trades Council and the contractors were in session at the Arizona Club (elite social organization), and arrived at an agreement for a closed shop and the recognition of the AFL unions as represented by the building trades council as the sole bargaining agency, completely ignoring the CIO organizations.

State Federation Heads for CIO CIO organizers have been in Arizona for several weeks working principally in the mining districts, but surveying the field in other industries.

Officials of the State Federation of Labor (AFL) are in sympathy with the CIO committee. This has caused President William Green of the AFL to send personal representatives to Arizona to "survey" the Arizona State Federation of Labor to decide upon a course of action.

During the past few years (without any agreement) most of the skilled and some unskilled workers on road, highway and public works have been union workers.

4000 IN S. F. DEPARTMENT STORE UNION

SAN FRANCISCO—The Department Store Employees Union, Local 1199, now has 4000 members in San Francisco, it is reported by union delegates to the Central Labor Council last Friday.

The union is now negotiating with the employers, and reports meeting stalling tactics on grounds of jurisdiction. On April 29, the Shoe Clerks 410 and the Elevator Operators contacted the employers for negotiations. The Department Store Employees Union requested cooperation of all unions until an agreement is signed, after which questions of jurisdiction are to be ironed out.

The union is fighting to get reinstatement of two girls fired by S.H. Kress Co. for union activity.

S. F. AUTO WORKERS CHARGE AUTO MECHANICS' OFFICIALS IN STRIKEBREAKING TACTICS

U.A.W. Locals Urge Members of Mechanics Union to Halt Splitting Attacks by Their Local Officials

SAN FRANCISCO—Members of the Auto Mechanics Union are asked to stop the strikebreaking tactics of their local officials, against workers organized into the United Automobile Workers of America, in the following letter from Local 76 and Local 271 of the UAW, CIO affiliates. The letter reads:

Dear Brothers: We are writing this letter to you, the membership of the auto mechanics, with the desire that you will take the necessary steps to stop the activities of your officials in their attempts to split the labor movement.

Jurisdiction of UAW To begin with, you all know that the United Automobile Workers of America was chartered by the AFL August 26, 1935, for the express purpose of organizing the automobile manufacturing industry. The jurisdiction (Art. 4, Section 1) granted the United Auto Workers was the manufacture of parts and the assembly of these parts into farm implements, aircraft, and automobiles.

The United Auto Workers have accepted the responsibility of organizing the industry and within the short time of its existence have organized over 300,000 automobile workers. You all know of the glorious victory in General Motors, Chrysler, and even in the Ford plants in the last few months.

You all know that the AFL never chartered or gave jurisdiction to the Auto Mechanics (your union) or to the I.A. of M. (over the United Auto Workers). We do not think you have any desire to claim jurisdiction over the workers that are already organized or in the process of organization by the United Auto Workers.

Mechanics' Officials Worked With Co. Union About six weeks ago some 40 aircraft workers, members of the United Auto Workers' Aircraft Division, were employed by the Stearnman Hammond Aircraft Company. Naturally these union men started to sign up their fellow workers.

The officials of the company union at once contacted your officials. Your officials went into the plant, held meetings with the workers, raised all kinds of questions claiming that the United Auto Workers had no jurisdiction, that we had no delegates to the Central Labor Council, that we were an out-law organization, with radical leaders, etc. Of course, this is what the company union officials wanted for such tactics caused confusion which pleased the management.

More Strikebreaking Tactics Another case of these same strikebreaking tactics is the case of the Lathan Co., Inc.—80 per cent of the workers in this plant joined the United Auto Workers. Your officials went to the management of Lathan Co., Inc. claiming jurisdiction and threatening to boycott the products of the company if they signed any agreement with the United Auto Workers.

The management locked out the employees and while the workers were locked out your officials had the nerve to go out on the picket line and try to confuse these pickets with questions of jurisdiction, etc. These we call strikebreaking tactics.

The National Labor Relations Committee held an election and the United Auto Workers carried the election by an 80 per cent vote.

The Old "Red Herring" The last invading attack of your officials is that of the Ecklin & Ecklin Company—90 per cent of the production workers signed up with the United Auto Workers. The next day your officials contacted the management and then held a meeting in the plant. Again the question of jurisdiction was raised. They attacked the United Auto Workers and the CIO raising the old red herring. They tried in every way to scare these workers and even Smith became so vicious in his attack as to state that he would demand that Ecklin & Ecklin products would be put on the "We do not patronize list" if the workers remained members of the United Auto Workers and the management signed an agreement with us.

For Unity of Labor These same officials, Mr. Ellemeyer, Mr. Owen, and Mr. Smith, are opposing our delegates being seated in the San Francisco Central Labor Council. Of course, they have slick tongues and will make claims of jurisdiction and claim that our agreements have lower scales than have the auto mechanics. These claims are totally unfounded.

You know that these invading attacks and splitting tactics are not doing the labor movement any good. We ask you as members of organized labor to stop the strikebreaking attacks of Mr. Ellemeyer, Mr. Owen, and

Hawaii May Join ILA District

SEATTLE — Recommendation of Harry Bridges to accept all Hawaiian longshoremen's locals as part of the ILA Pacific Coast District, is before the district convention of the ILA in session here.

In a message addressed to all locals of the ILA on the West Coast, before the convention, Bridges wrote: "One of the duties of the entire Pacific Coast District is to force the International to consider ways and means to send a representative of the District to Honolulu to assist the men there in their organization. I would further recommend that the convention accept the Hawaiian locals as part of the ILA Pacific Coast District, with all rights and privileges, pending the receipt of their charters."

S. F. Bldg. Service Union Votes Strike SAN FRANCISCO—The Building Service Employees Union voted overwhelmingly, 1336 to 191, last week to go out on strike if the building owners and operators do not meet the union's demands.

Mr. Smith. We want unity within the labor movement. We want your officials to stop their invading attacks. We have confidence in you and trust that you will take the necessary action to bring unity.